

Desperate pilot warns he will crash in the sea as Syrian troops threaten to shoot down Kuwaiti hostage airliner over Beirut

Hijack jet lands in Cyprus

From Robert Fisk Kuwait

A hijacked Kuwaiti airliner with about 50 hostages on board landed at Larnaca airport in Cyprus last night after being refused permission to land at Beirut.



Turned away: The Kuwaiti Boeing 747 circling Beirut airport yesterday while the pilot and passengers pleaded hysterically for three hours to be allowed to land

The pilot received permission to land in Larnaca after the captain announced he was running out of fuel. "I'll never forget this, thank you," shouted the captain after he was told by air traffic controllers at Larnaca airport that he was cleared to land.

The Syrians fired two rounds of anti-aircraft fire into the night sky as a warning when the plane neared the airport. It had been predicted for at least two days that the Kuwait Airlines Boeing 747 flight KU422, which was hijacked over Indian airspace on Tuesday while en-route from Bangkok to Kuwait, would probably end its journey in Damascus.

plained that Kuwaiti subsidies for Syrian military forces operating in Lebanon have been delayed. If President Assad can successfully end the hijack, such criticism may no longer be necessary. Once again, it appeared last night, President Assad appears to be playing a critical role between the Arab Gulf states and Iran whose free oil supplies to Syria have helped to maintain the curious alliance between Damascus and Tehran.

Tears at Heathrow as the victims come home

By Ronald Faux and Michael Horsnell

With tears, flowers and many a wordless embrace, 20 of the hostages from the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner were reunited yesterday with their families when they landed at Heathrow airport. They described their terror during the hijack, as a group of hooded terrorists brandishing guns and hand grenades took over their aircraft. They also expressed deep concern for the passengers still held.

David and Susan Carew-Jones, of Middlesex, said the British were probably freed because the attack was aimed exclusively at Kuwait. Mr Carew-Jones, aged 30, said: "One of the terrorists explained in a very apologetic way that he was sorry about the inconvenience."

by smiling, exchanging cigarettes and sharing food. "It is so strange to find yourself suddenly safe and in London." She said that when she was allowed to go free, along with the other women, there was a faint sense of relief. "It was the first sign the terrorists were willing to negotiate and make concessions. They said to me: 'Go now, your husband will be fine.' Everything they had said that far they had kept to so I felt confident from that moment."



Miss Nicola Appleby and her brother Mark, of Bristol, arriving at Heathrow yesterday

Concern that the levy is misused

But the Southern Cross AAA, which has responsibility for permits in its area, has a change of heart and granted one to Reading. Martin, the SCAA's officer, said: "Feeling a running particularly hot this, it is not a climb-down. We expect Reading to abide by the rules, and if they do not, we will not be reluctant to take legal action."

The toughest problems yet will be set in The Times Tournament of the Mind when the six-day final begins on Monday. Even if you are not a finalist, see how well you can do against some of the brightest brains in Britain as they compete for a £5,000 prize and The Times Mind of the Year trophy.

Portfolio Accumulator winner Mrs Jennifer Chelley yesterday received a cheque for £152,000 (see page 3). As the £4,000 daily prize was also won yesterday, the Accumulator Fund stands at £10,000.

£500,000 bail for broker

Mr David Mayhew, the Cazenove & Co stockbroker who faces three charges arising out of the Guinness affair, was remanded on bail of £500,000 at Bow Street magistrates court yesterday.

The bail was provided by two sureties, who put up £250,000 each. The sureties are Mr John Kemp-Welch, joint senior partner of Cazenove, and Sir Michael Colman, head of Reckitt & Colman, the mustard and household products group.

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Peace agreement for Afghanistan

Geneva (Reuter) - An agreement on Afghanistan, which provides for the withdrawal of the estimated 115,000 Soviet troops, has been concluded and will be signed no later than April 14, the UN mediator, Señor Diego Cordovez, announced yesterday.

"The documents are now finalized and open for signature," he told a news conference in Geneva, where talks between Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United States have been going on since March 2.

"One of the points on which we have not yet an agreement is on the date for the signature," he said, but he added: "It will not be later than the 14th."

Señor Cordovez told reporters later that the Soviet Union would begin pulling out its forces on May 15 and finish within nine months, meaning February 15, 1989.

Media fracas triggers Thatcher security alarm

From Robin Oakley, Istanbul Downing Street authorities are to demand tighter security and better control of the media on Mrs Thatcher's future tours.

This follows a security nightmare in Istanbul yesterday when the Prime Minister's visit to British graves in the Crimean War cemetery.

The Prime Minister was separated from her security detail and was visibly distressed as a vast throng of photographers tramped over flowers and gravestones in a distasteful circus.

Lawson warns EEC on taxes

By David Smith Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, last night made it clear that Britain will fight EEC moves towards fiscal harmonization.

Addressing the Anglo-German Königswinter conference in Cambridge, Mr Lawson said that the aim of 1992 and the EEC single market should be deregulation, rather than harmonization.

"Clearly the completion of the single market implies the ultimate abolition of restrictions on cross-border shopping within the community; and this would inevitably affect decisions by member states on the levels of VAT and excise duties they choose to levy," he said.

"But to conclude from this that the road to 1992 requires conformity by all member states is a bureaucratic non sequitur."

World caught up in National fever

By Robin Young

Some 500 million people in 49 countries will today tune in to a peculiarly British sporting event, the Grand National Steeplechase.

It is the world's most famous remnant of the habit the English foxhunting squirearchy had of racing horses from village to village over stone walls, ploughed fields, hedgerows and whatever other obstacles lay in their way.

Racing over arduous jumps of this scale is unknown in most of the countries taking television coverage of today's race. These include, for the first time, the Soviet Union.

Contrary to some reports, this is not the 150th National, though it does mark the 150th anniversary of steeplechasing at Aintree, Liverpool. It was in 1839 that the appropriately named Lottery won the first race, and a horse called Conrad off-loaded Captain Becher in the brook that has ever since borne his name.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Jaguar workers seek new offer

Talks to avert a damaging strike at Jaguar remained deadlocked yesterday after more than 4,000 manual workers voted by a majority of four to one to reject the company's plans for increased productivity.

The Coventry-based company said that it would spend the weekend considering its options before resuming talks with shop stewards on Monday.

But, a spokesman said: "We still require an improvement in efficiency and productivity and that means manufacturing more cars."

Union leaders said that a strike by assembly workers at the Browns Lane plant in Coventry could still go ahead if management imposed new schedules to increase production by a target figure of 92 more cars a week.

Record car sales

New car sales reached a March record of 209,178, a 12.5 per cent rise over the same month in 1987. The increase lifted new registrations for the first quarter of 1988 to a record 584,832.

Assault case acquittal

The owner of a pool hall, Mr Valentine Walker, was cleared yesterday of a charge of assault on Mr Kuombe Balogun, the black activist. Mr Walker, aged 36, of Robertson Road, Eastville, Bristol, was "too frightened" to attend his trial in case he was wrongly convicted.

Sellafield go-ahead

A plan by British Nuclear Fuels Ltd to build a multi-million pound underground store for nuclear waste in Britain moved a stage nearer yesterday when Cumbria County Council was advised to allow the building of an exploratory borehole on the nuclear reprocessing complex at Sellafield.

Volvo jobs boost

Volvo Trucks is to create 100 jobs at its plant in Irvine, Strathclyde, under a £1.5 million investment plan. The Swedish company said yesterday that changes to production lines at Irvine, which currently employs 270, would allow it to handle a wider range of models and to increase capacity by more than 60 per cent, raising production to 4,500 vehicles a year.

Suicide couple saved

An elderly couple attempting suicide yesterday made a transatlantic telephone call that saved their lives. Mr George Barber and his wife, Dorothy, of Farleigh Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, left a message on their daughter's answering machine in New York before swallowing tablets.

Social worker moves

A social worker at the centre of Cleveland's child sexual abuse controversy is moving to a new post. Mrs Sue Richardson is leaving her job for a year to study child abuse and protection at Newcastle Polytechnic.

Duchess is chancellor

The Duchess of York will be chancellor of Salford University from 1990, succeeding the Duke of Edinburgh who has held the post since the university was founded 21 years ago.

Speelman's chess lead strengthened

Jonathan Speelman, the British world championship quarter finalist, strengthened his grip on the lead in the sixth round of the Swift world cup chess tournament in Brussels. He won a crushing victory with the black pieces on Thursday night against the former world championship challenger Victor Korchnoi.

Speelman started his opponent by seizing the initiative at the start of the game by sacrificing two pawns to pin down the white king.

On the 21st move Speelman offered the sacrifice for the bishop to cause utter confusion in the white camp.

Leading standings after round six are: J Speelman (England) 4½pts out of six; L Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) 4pts out of six; Alexander Belyavsky (USSR) and Mikhail Tal (USSR) both on 3½pts out of five games.

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Claimants in panic to beat Monday's deadline

By Boris Johnson It was 11.30am when matters started to get heated. All yesterday morning, the social security office in the London borough of Peckham had been facing a rising tide of claimants attempting to press their cases before Monday's deadline for restructuring the benefit system.

The staff, behind recently installed attack-proof, plate glass screens, already had a backlog of 8,000 postal and personally delivered applications for supplementary and other special benefits from previous days, even before the door opened at 9.30.

More than 120 people filled the small, unventilated room with noise and smoke. A phalanx of pregnant women occupied the chairs, while small children ran through the legs of those who could find room to stand.

But the babbling fell silent when there was a commotion at the far end and a young woman in a park

pie hat began to pummel the glass with her fists. "Come here", she shouted at the empty seat. "Come here now and give me some money, will you?" Desperate for attention, she took off her shoe and thumped the glass till it shook in its thick steel frame. Her voice rose to a shriek as she repeated: "Give me it. Give me my hardship payment."

At last a member of staff appeared. "Would you like to sit down, or we'll call the police", she said. With an effort the woman lifted her leg and kicked the window and at once the confined space was filled with the jangle of an alarm.

The noise galvanized the rest of the room into angry support for the claimant. "Why don't you help her now?", said a young man, joining her at the window. "You've got the power to say yes or no."

But the woman behind the counter remained calm. "Unless

indicating which ticket number was next turned over with agonizing slowness. At 1pm, when the machine seemed to have been stuck on number 51 for 30 minutes, the tension could be felt. Then a young mother got up in tears from the desk. After an interminable wait and 45 minutes of whispered conversation, she had been told to report to another office. The desk was immediately crowded with claimants clutching dockets.

By the afternoon the sun was shining and families had colonized large areas of Bleasheim Grove. For those without a ticket there was little chance of their making it to a counter, but there seemed to be nowhere else for them to go.

As one man left the building with his two children, he said: "I've been waiting five hours and I've had nothing. It's ridiculous. They obviously haven't the staff."

Mr Samuel McGovern, aged 28, had been queuing since Thursday to secure extra benefits for his family. His neighbour remarked: "At this rate claiming benefit will be a full-time job."

Staff at the DHSS office had no word of hope for the claimants. One of the staff, who refused to be named, said: "Going over to the new system of income support is putting all the staff under enormous pressure. We just can't cope. We have built up an enormous backlog."

"There are thousands of pieces of mail outstanding for Peckham alone. We don't want to close the counters early, but we've no option."

On the wall at the Peckham office were several advertisements for new administrative officers. The salary is £4,972, the posters added. Underneath, in black ballpoint, was scrawled: "No good. Claimants."

Civil Service unions protest at 'dangers' from benefit reform

By Tim Jones and Andrew Morgan Civil Service union leaders plan to hold a national "day of action" on Monday against the introduction of the social security reforms which they claim will place their "front line members" in more danger of violent attack from the public.

The union moves were disclosed as a second leading bishop in the Church of England yesterday criticized the Government's social security reforms, which are mostly due to be introduced next week, and described them as "iniquitous" and "un-Christian".

However, the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Ronald Bowley, declined to endorse the comments of the Bishop of Durham, who last week described the Government as "wicked" in its policies of restructuring the benefit system.

The two main Civil Service unions involved are increasingly worried that the trend of violence towards their members will increase dramatically because of the changes, which have been criticized for causing hardship among the young, the low paid and the needy.

They say the situation can only get worse because of the plans to cut Department of Health and Social Security staffing levels by 8,000. In spite of campaigns by

members of the Civil and Public Services Association, whose members man the counters at DHSS offices, and the National Union of Civil and Public Servants (NUCPS) to tell the public they are "carrying out policies which we fundamentally disagree", union members have been subject to violence.

Although staff at DHSS offices and job centres are protected by security screens and reinforced doors, some

work or attacked near their homes. Last night, the NUCPS said: "The changes mean that our members will have to decide whether a pensioner should have a new roof for a cooker. It places our members in an intolerable position."

The unions claim the introduction of the Social Fund, under which one-off grants to meet claimants' special needs will be replaced with loans, will lead to more tension.

Mr Barry Reamsbottom, spokesman for the CPSA, said: "A situation which has increasingly been getting worse is now in danger of becoming appalling."

On Monday, union leaders will join claimants queuing outside the Bloomsbury DHSS office in London and staff will hold one-hour protest meetings outside the DHSS headquarters at Richmond House.

Bishop Bowley, chairman of the Church of England's Board of Social Responsibility, who was speaking at a press conference organized by the Child Poverty Action Group, said that increased wealth of the majority would not mean reduced poverty for the few.

He added: "The rich are getting richer and the poor poorer. The new Social Fund, coming on top of the recent Budget, is a glaring example of the process at work. Do we really want to return to a world where beggars throng the streets while the rich and the powerful hide in their offices and cars?"

The bishop said he had recently witnessed symptoms of an increasingly divided community in New York. The cost here from "turbulence" in the cities would outweigh the attempted savings on the new system.

However, he said: "The trouble about the word 'wicked' is that it sounds like a moral sweeping condemnation of everybody concerned with government. I don't think these changes could be described as wicked because, in the most part, I don't think their effects were deliberate."

"If these things were intended, then it will be very serious as some are going to be very hurtful. If they were unintended, then it was a careless piece of legislative initiative."

The bishop defended the position of clerics commenting on political issues, saying

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disgruntled customers have even produced guns when told they cannot be given any benefits.

At least two union members on home visits to assess benefit claims have been murdered. In other offices, staff have been threatened with knives after telling claimants that the rules forbid them from being assisted.

Offices have been petrol-bombed while some clients, "desperate for subsistence money", have used scaffolding to breach the security of buildings.

Some members of staff, after rejecting a claim, have been assaulted as they left

Maxwell quits trade body

By Richard Evans Media Editor Mr Robert Maxwell is resigning from the Publishers' Association - for the second time - weeks after his legal battle over the publication of two of his biographies.

Mr Maxwell's son, Kevin, chief executive of the newly named Maxwell Pergamon Publishing Corporation, said in a letter to the trade body that the company would not be renewing its subscription because the association was not providing "value for money".

However, a spokesman for Mr Maxwell said yesterday that the company would go ahead with the £25,000 sponsorship of a concert at the Festival Hall.

The concert is one of the main social events during the one-week twenty-third congress of the International Publishers' Association which is being staged in Britain for the first time since 1936.

Mr Maxwell's publishing group agreed several months ago to sponsor the concert and a considerable part of the money had been paid over, the spokesman said.

It is understood, however, that the organizers are looking for alternative sponsors.

US congressman meets Haughey in Dublin

Kennedy condemns 'occupying force'

By John Cooney and Sheila Gunn observation of the heavy military presence. Mr Kennedy's use of the language of Irish republicanism was seen as confirming the suspicions of Ulster Unionists that his four-day fact-finding visit was loaded in favour of the nationalist case for a united Ireland.

Mr Haughey avoided any involvement in the anti-British commentary, but told reporters that "a Kennedy is always welcomed in Ireland".

Mr Kennedy's reference to the "occupying forces" came when he spoke of his meeting in South Armagh yesterday with Cardinal Tomás O'Fiaich, the Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland. He said the prelate was somebody who recognized "the intransigence

Tories and Labour in poll tax tussle

With local council elections less than a month away Mr John Prescott, Mr Hattersley's challenger for the deputy leadership, also condemned the "deep sense of injustice" provoked by the poll tax.

Speaking in Spennymoor, Co Durham, last night Mr Hattersley spelt out the new party policy for replacing rates with a mixture of property tax and local income tax. Business rates must be levied as a local tax with regular revaluations, he said.

Mr Hattersley described the poll tax as "morally indefensible" because it made the poor pay more and the rich pay less.

Mr Brooke, speaking in Helmsley, Yorkshire, countered by stating that the national appeal of the poll tax had "begun to panic Labour".

"His latest tactic is the outright lie. Their leaflets pile falsehood upon falsehood - that the community charge will restrict the right to vote, that our housing reforms will reduce the security of council tenants, and so on."

"These sort of lies are the actions of desperate men." Mr Hattersley blamed the unpopularity of rates on cuts in government grants.

Mr Neil Kinnock is expected to reject advice that his security protection should be tightened after an attack on his home in Ealing, west London.

Although his aides refused to comment on the detailed arrangements, it is known that the Labour leader and his wife Glenys are reluctant to lose their privacy by allowing around-the-hour surveillance

Bodies of Alps boys are home

The bodies of the four Berkshire boys who fell to their deaths on a mountainside during a school skiing trip in the Austrian Alps were returned to Britain yesterday.

Their coffins were packed inside a crate in the cargo hold of an Austrian Airways aircraft.

Flight 461 from Southburg touched down at Heathrow at lunchtime, where the coffins remained until receiving customs clearance and being released for the return to Maidenhead, the boys' home town.

Prayers will be said for Lee Powell, aged 15, Andrew Watts, aged 14, Daniel Howton, aged 14, and Michael Taylor, aged 13, at All Saints Church, Boyn Hill Road, Maidenhead, tomorrow.

The boys, who fell 300 ft to their deaths on the Unterschneeferner, were among a party of 41 children from Ailwood Church of England primary school, Maidenhead.

There are hundreds of types of mushrooms - which are found in any food and is born through spores or spores - a few are very poisonous. It is only dangerous if you eat the very young

Anger at lost satellite deal

By Sheila Gunn and Robert Matthews yesterday the Canadians have been wailing since last June over Britain's decision on whether to collaborate on launching an Earth observation satellite Radarsat, which promises valuable contracts for British firms and, therefore, jobs.

Since the deadline had been passed with no answer they said they will look at alternative sources of help outside Britain and will probably buy a satellite "off-the-shelf" in the United States.

Ministers still believe that if they opt for the Canadian project within the next week their bid will be accepted.

Lord Shackleton, a former leader of the Lords, has accused Lord Young of "misleading" Parliament by telling peers the Government would

Earnings data 'out of date'

The Department of Employment may be underestimating the rate of growth in average earnings by using outdated employment data, according to a report by the independent pay research group.

It says in a report out yesterday that government figures have, by relying on employment data for 1981, failed to keep pace with significant changes in employment in the past seven years.

A rapid rise in service sector employment, coupled with an increase in earnings growth is not taken into account in the whole economy index, while the booming finance sector is under-represented, it says.

The group has calculated that the department's economy and service indices may be too low. The economy

index figure for December 1987 at 210.3 could be 1 per cent too low, and the recorded increase over the year at 8.7 per cent could be .25 per cent too low.

In the service sector, the earnings index over the same period, at 209.8, could be 1.5 per cent too low, and the annual increase at 9.2 per cent could be .25 per cent too low.

Each month the department samples 7,500 companies and employers to ascertain the total wage bill. The base is the 1981 census of employment figures.

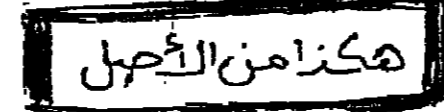
Manufacturing, which accounted for just over 30 per cent of employees, has declined to 25 per cent, while the banking and finance sector, which accounted for only 4.4 per cent in 1981, more than doubled to almost 11 per cent.

The department is planning to re-base the average earnings indices soon, using the 1984 census of employment.

The department plans to increase the survey coverage beyond the 7,500 establishments.

IDS report 518, (Incomes Data Services Ltd, 193 St John Street, London EC1V 4LS, by subscription).

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# Teachers attacked by pupils of four in nursery violence

Children aged four are attacking teachers as the growing wave of classroom violence spreads to nursery schools.

Assaults by the youngest pupils were disclosed yesterday as teachers at a conference in Blackpool listed violent incidents including beatings, kicking, attacks with scissors and knives, and being set upon with pieces of furniture in classrooms or school corridors.

Ms Cathy Hacking, from Keighley in West Yorkshire, said: "Nursery staff are seriously assaulted by their pupils and you can imagine the terror in the hearts of the other children."

"If a first-school child can inflict this sort of injury, what are they going to be like at secondary level if we don't do something about it?"

She was speaking to members of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers. The union demanded urgent action by politicians, headmasters and parents to curb the menace.

The conference was told that some teachers are taking self-defence lessons to protect themselves.

Mr Keith Morris, aged 39, a teacher at the Bishop of Llandaff Comprehensive School, Cardiff, said of the older attackers: "Football hooligans who stand on the terraces on a Saturday afternoon are behind school desks on Monday morning."

"Police with dogs cannot control them yet teachers are expected to — and without any sanctions now that the case has been banned."

He called for Britain to consider schemes operating abroad, including Australian "sin bins". Disruptive pupils have to sign a document promising to behave before they are allowed back at school. Other countries withhold child benefit from the families.

Mr Brian Capel, head of the Cherry Orchard Middle School in Northampton, told delegates that a boy brought a four-and-a-half-inch knife

Charities that can find no one to receive thousands of pounds for educational purposes are listed for the first time in a directory published yesterday.

Some, such as the Lester Girls' Industrial Fund, which offers grants to "girls and women resident in Liverpool and the neighbourhood, under the age of 25", apparently have no applications as no one knows they exist.

In 1981, the last year the fund filed its accounts with the Charity Commission, it had an income of more than £1,000 but made no payments.

The Harry James Riddell Trust, which exists to make interest-free loans to people in the county aged between 21 and 35 who want to set up in business. In 1977 it had a £128,000 surplus.

Many charities, all of which are public bodies, seem excessively secretive. The Whitton Trust, for example, which is for the residents of Gainsborough and Lincoln, has filed no accounts since 1972.

The directory, which contains details of 800 educational charities, all of which have at least £500 a year to give away, was compiled by Mr Luke FitzHerbert and Mr Michael Eastwood.

The Educational Grants Directory (Radcliffe Works, Back Lane, London NS 1XL, £12.50).

into school to "defend himself" against a gang.

Mrs Sue Rogers said she once taught a class of 15 pupils in a Sheffield school where only three children did not have a criminal record. Their offences had included stabbing, attempted rape and petty theft.

Television violence is blamed for some of the problems. Mr Morris, secretary of the union's South Glamorgan branch, said children as young as six were watching such programmes until the early hours of the morning.

The conference decided to draw up a list of other countries' methods of fighting classroom violence.

● A national inquiry into stress in the classroom should

# Ready to serve with pride



Mrs Sara Jones, whose husband Colonel H Jones was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross in the Falklands conflict, stands with her eldest son David yesterday after he was commissioned as an officer at the Sovereign's Parade at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

David, aged 22, is joining his father's first regiment, The Devonshire and Dorset, as a second lieutenant platoon commander. It was a decision he took because of childhood memories of his father serving in the regiment, and he sees it as following the family tradition.

However, he said: "I am now seriously thinking about following in the path he chose and transferring to The Parachute Regiment if I can get in."

David was only 16 when his father died leading his men from the 2nd battalion, The Parachute Regiment at Goose Green in the first big battle of the conflict.

Yesterday 266 officer cadets passed out at Sandhurst where the Duke of Kent, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Devon and Dorsets, took the parade. They have undergone six months' intensive training in all aspects of military life.

# Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator



## £152,000 for first winner

Mrs Jennifer Chelley (above), the first winner of *The Times* Portfolio Accumulator prize, was presented with her cheque for £152,000 yesterday by Sir Edward Pickering, the executive vice-chairman of *Times Newspapers Ltd.*

As she popped the cheque into her handbag, she said: "The first thing I am going to buy is a new handbag, and I think I will put something on the Grand National though I do not yet know what I shall back."

"I thought there was a lot of good advice in *The Times* business section about how the money should be invested, and I will be talking to an accountant. Perhaps I could come back when I have turned it into £1.5 million."

The £4,000 prize as the only winner of *The Times* Portfolio competition could not have come at a better time for Mrs Kristeen Hirsch of West Chilmington, Pulborough, West Sussex, for she is about to move house.

She discovered her good fortune when going through her daily ritual, followed ever since the competition started, of checking her Portfolio card over breakfast.

She was being helped by her children — Kate, aged nine, Laura, aged seven, and Nicholas, aged four, who were as excited as she was.

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AGGREGATE

Yesterday (Photograph: Bryn Callaghan) church leaders had commented on human "We have to be careful comments on the policies of particular but we have the right comment about the sequences of those people he said.

Miss Fran Bennett of the Child Poverty Group, conceded that were some structural improvements in the system she believed they had married by the next requirement of linking resources available.

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# Poisoning link with vegetable

Contaminated beansprouts are thought to be the cause of an outbreak of salmonella St Paul poisoning in southern England. More than 80 people have been diagnosed since February 21 when the first case was reported.

About 100 cases involving the gastro-intestinal bacteria are usually reported each year.

Department of Health and Social Security officials are hoping to isolate a single source. So far the victims have shown a link in their consumption of beansprouts before they became ill, which may lead to one supplier.

The department believes that the vegetable, which has a shelf life of about a day, or the water in which the beans are grown, may be contaminated.

Environmental health officers are aware of the risks posed by the vegetable, which has become popular in the past five years. Sales are now worth £7 million a year and about 500 tonnes are produced each week for the British market.

"There are hundreds of types of salmonella — which may grow in any food as it is borne through faeces or urine — and the bacteria varies in its intensity. It is only dangerous in the old, the very young or the infirm."

# Lessons from fires 'ignored'

London Underground failed to respond correctly to fires at stations and to appreciate the dangers which led to the King's Cross disaster, the inquiry into the tragedy was told yesterday.

A lack of communication, coupled with incompetence, meant that the lessons of previous fires on escalators were not learned, Mr Roger Henderson, QC, counsel for the inquiry, said.

Fires at Leicester Square, Manor House and Green Park stations were all thought to have started, like the King's Cross fire, with a match or cigarette igniting dust and rubbish in the running tracks of escalators.

Underground staff and the fire brigade had called for improved cleaning, replacement of wooden materials, resiting of water sprinklers and installation of smoke detectors.

Cost, inertia, incompetence and some valid reasons had prevented recommendations being adopted, Mr Henderson told the inquiry in London.

The King's Cross blaze killed 31 people.

Recommendations made after the fire at Manor House station in 1985 included the installation of smoke alarms, especially if staff cuts were to continue. They were ignored, Mr Henderson said.

A station foreman who resigned after the King's Cross blaze described the "total chaos" at a fire last June at Green Park Tube station.

Mr Gary Brown, who was off-duty, said Green Park staff were "totally hopeless" in dealing with the evacuation.

Mr Henderson read a letter, written by Mr Brown to London Regional Transport after King's Cross, in which Mr Brown expressed his anger at not being called before the internal inquiry into the Green Park fire.

"I feel revolted at working for such a degrading company", Mr Brown wrote.

The inquiry continues on Monday.

# Fourth train rams buffers

A train ran into buffers at Victoria station, central London, yesterday injuring five people — the fourth such incident in just over a year.

British Rail's Network SouthEast is investigating the crash. All four trains have been of the sliding-door class 455, introduced in recent years.

Yesterday's incident was at 6.40am when a train from Epsom pushed the buffers at platform 10 into the concrete, breaking up about six feet of concrete.

Five people were slightly injured.

British Rail said it was satisfied that the three earlier crashes were not caused by technical faults.

It believes the problems may arise from drivers having difficulty in adjusting to the new type of brake.

The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen says there may be technical problems. Last month it met managers from British Rail to complain that the disc brake system on the class 455 was not adequate.

Mr Derrick Fallick, assistant general secretary of the union, said there had been numerous occasions when trains had hit buffers because of "brake fade".

In 1986, throughout the network, there were 55 occasions when trains hit buffers compared with 60 in 1985.

# Inflation nears 1967 level

## Young 'Mousetrap' and £1,000 semis

A lot has changed in two decades: South Africa played Test cricket, Cambridge used to win the Boat Race and *The Mousetrap* was a youngster at a mere 15 years old... and the inflation rate stood at just 2.8 per cent.

The announcement this week that the rate is now 3.3 per cent, the lowest since 1967, recalls those heady days when most of us lived in three-bedroom semis which cost between £600 and £1,000 while the rich splashed out £9,350 on a sixteenth-century farmhouse with a third acre of garden near Lewes, East Sussex, and the really wealthy could buy the 98-year lease on a five-bedroom new town house within 100 yards of Hyde Park for £27,000, including carpets.

Today the national average cost of a family home is about £57,000, while a Sussex farmhouse would set the buyer back between £180,000 and £270,000. The lease on a home bordering Hyde Park would be likely to cost around £830,000.

Of course wages were so much less then. The average shorthand typist would pick up £18 a week, while today, with her word processing skills, she can earn £7,500, with free cruises, at a travel company, and up to £12,000 or £13,000 as a personal assistant.

Accountants then had a salary starting at £1,500 a year, whereas they can now earn more than that in a month. In 1967 the job of assistant director of the British Museum was being advertised at £4,260 a year compared with today's equivalent salary of £41,000.

We did not appreciate how cheap it all was when it came to furnishing our homes. In those days of pounds, shillings and pence, when guineas were all the vogue, English Rose would have supplied kitchen units for £328 15s 1d, with a Jackson Topline Radiant 706 stove costing 70 guineas.

The same operation today would run up a bill in excess of £3,000 for English-built units, or more than £7,000 if they were German, while the average gas cooker costs about £500.

The average saloon car in the garage in 1967 was likely to cost little more than £400 compared with today's £7,000 to £8,000.

The man in the Sussex farmhouse might well have had a £2,403 Jaguar 420G automatic standing in his drive but the equivalent car today, the Jaguar XJ6 3.6 manual transmission, would cost £20,400 with an extra £740 for the automatic option and £730 for leather seats.

The man in the Hyde Park home would of course have had a Rolls-Royce Phantom V touring limousine parked outside and probably thought the world was going mad as he wrote out the cheque for £10,695. Today, the Rolls-Royce Phantom VI costs a basic £166,000, and with tax and VAT the final total is £207,331.58.

There was a petrol price war on in 1967 with the main companies slashing their prices by 2½d to 4½d (less than 1p and 2p) to around 5s 5d (about 27p) for premium grades and 5s for the cheapest.

Who knows what the future may bring? Perhaps in 20 years time people will be wishing they had invested in a Phantom VI or a Sussex farmhouse as they collect their £1,000,000 a year salaries.

# Today is Daffodil Day

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# Government loses again in fight to ban MI6 book

The Government yesterday lost the latest round of its court battle to prevent the publication in Scotland of the memoirs of Mr Anthony Cavendish, a former MI6 officer.

Three judges at the Court of Session in Edinburgh rejected a government appeal against the refusal of a judge to grant an interim order banning publication of extracts from Mr Cavendish's book *Inside Intelligence*.

The Government had claimed that by writing the book Mr Cavendish had breached his duty not to disclose any information about his former work.

All three judges disagreed with some of the reasons given by Lord Coulsfield in February when he refused to grant the interim interdict against *The Scotsman* and the *Glasgow Herald* newspapers and Scottish Television.

They said, however, that he had reached the right decision in refusing to grant an order to the Lord Advocate banning further publication of extracts from the book.

Mr Arnold Kemp, editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, said the judgement would "naturally give satisfaction" to the Scottish press and media.

Lord Ross, Lord Justice

Clerk, said that at the earlier hearings it was not entirely clear what the Crown's position was in regard to the contents of the book. Mr Cavendish had sent out 279 copies to friends before Christmas.

It became clear during the appeal that it was not the information in the book but the fact that it had been published by a former member of the security services which threatened national security.

If the Lord Advocate had been in a position to say disclosure would endanger national security the court would, because of public policy, have the power to stop disclosure.

It was one thing to recognize a power to restrict disclosure but it was another thing to suggest the court had power to stop mere publication where it was accepted that the contents of a book presented no danger to national security.

He disagreed with Lord Coulsfield that information ceased to be confidential once it had been published or known. In other words if the information was disclosed in breach of confidence that did not bring to an end the obligation of confidence.

The Government's arguments might well have been convincing if a court order had been sought before any publication by Mr Cavendish, Lord Ross added.

"However, since such publication and disclosure had taken place, granting interdict now would indeed be closing the proverbial stable door after the horse had bolted."

Mr Kemp said: "I now hope that the Government will not only let matters rest there but will also drop the action for breach of interdict still outstanding against the *Glasgow Herald*."

A government spokesman said: "We will study the judgement to consider whether we appeal to the House of Lords."

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said: "An appeal to the House of Lords would be cooking a snook at the Scottish Court of Appeal and the whole Scottish legal system". Mr Magnus Linklater, editor of *The Scotsman*, urged the Government not to appeal to the House of Lords in what he said was a "political vendetta" against the media. He estimated that the process had so far cost £250,000 - mostly public money.

# Aid from a golden host



Some of the more than a million daffodils on sale today - National Daffodil Day - in 50 British cities to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care. The blooms are displayed by Miss Tessa Statham, a secretary at L W Van Geest Farms, where the flowers were grown.

# Genetic engineering

## Pestkiller may be drawn from scorpion stings

The sting of the scorpion has come under the scrutiny of scientists as a source of a revolutionary type of pesticide. Although more powerful than man-made chemical insecticides, it should be safer to use and better for the environment.

Before they can attempt to harness the scorpion's poison, the scientists have to carry out an experiment in genetic engineering for which they need the permission of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

They hope to start that experiment later this year. It will be the third phase of a research programme which could give Britain a world lead in a new technology that is about to have a big impact on agriculture, medicine and many industrial products and processes.

That transformation will come when genetically engineered organisms are allowed to be released from the laboratory. Many of those genetic creations have been made but most have been strictly contained.

Researchers working with Dr David Bishop, at the Natural Environment Research Council's Institute of Virology, at Oxford, are one of only five groups in Britain allowed to take genetically engineered microbes from the security of the microbiological laboratory.

They are also the scientists interested in transferring to very different sorts of organism the scorpion's ability to make its lethal nerve poison.

So far, the scientists have only been allowed to release genetically engineered bugs into a small cabbage patch to monitor the poison's behaviour and persistence in natural conditions. Eventually, they aim to use the genetically engineered microbe, which belongs to a family of viruses called baculoviruses, to kill the pine beauty moth caterpillar. Such microbes do not infect humans or other animals.

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## A London dealer buys best China

The weak dollar continued to assist English trade in a sale of decorative Chinese works of art held by Sotheby's in New York.

Mr Martyn Gregory, a London picture dealer, who has long championed the Anglo-Chinese works known as China Trade Paintings, took the best two on offer.

A view of the hongs, European factories at Shanghai, which was unusually large and was plausibly attributed to the Chinese painter Shuqua, went to him at £46,598.

It dates from between 1848, when the European church was completed, and 1857 when the hongs were burnt down.

Mr Gregory paid £17,474, about five times the estimate, for an 1850s view of Hong Kong in Gouache.

Two albums of Gouache drawings of the costumes of the various foreigners and minority peoples to be found in eighteenth century China sold for £81,546 at the sale, on Thursday.

Sotheby's also offered Old Master paintings in New York on Thursday, realizing a total of £839,547, with 14 per cent bought in.

A dealer from Italy paid £21,551 for a view of the Palazzo Ducale in Venice, catalogued as by Giacomo Guardi. There was some confusion here, as the catalogue gave Giacomo the dates of the better known Francesco Guardi.

In Edinburgh yesterday a Phillips sale included a group of four small China Trade views of Macao, which came from a collection of the Earl of Minto. Mr Gregory failed to secure these, since they went for about twice what he had expected, selling for £13,200 (estimate £2,000-£4,000).

The most expensive work, at £42,900, was also something of a surprise, not least for the owner, a doctor from Stirling who had thought it was a print. In fact his view of Utrecht under snow was an oil painting by Jan Hendrik Verheyen, and it was bought by a Dutch dealer against strong competition.

Another doctor, from Paisley, also did well with his "Listen with Mother" by the currently popular Dorothea Sharp, which made £24,200 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

## Airport car park costs up by 74%

Businessmen using Heathrow's short-term car park for 12 hours are having to pay 74 per cent more than they did a year ago. The cost has risen from £7.20 to £12.50 a day.

The increases are part of a deliberate attempt to force day parkers to use the cheaper, but less convenient, long-term park. But they have infuriated regular travellers.

In April 1987, the cost of parking in a short-term park was £1.20 for the first two hours plus 60p an hour thereafter. Thus it cost a motorist £7.20 while he was away on a typical 12-hour business trip.

A policy decision taken last year brought in new charges and from April 1 motorists began paying £1.50 for the first two hours, £1 an hour for the next six and £1.25 thereafter: a 12-hour stay will cost £12.50.

The airport said yesterday: "We are using the price mechanism to encourage the use of the long-term car park which is cheaper and is designed to free the short-term car park for those who want to stay for less than two hours."

Long-term parks - where there are 9,831 places compared with 4,771 in the short-term ones - cost £2.50 for the first day and £4.50 each extra day. A year ago charges were £2 a day and £3.50 for each subsequent day.

"If you want to park for a couple of hours it is still cheaper at Heathrow than anywhere in the West End", the airport said. "As 70 per cent of our customers who use the short-term facilities stay for less than two hours we are providing a good priced public service."

Mr Michael Gee, a publisher from Potters Bar, said: "I need to have the car close to the terminal and these increases are hitting business people who already pay a high price for their flights."

## Pavlova festival

The London home of Anna Pavlova, one of the world's greatest ballerinas, opens to the public for the first time next week.

Ivy House, in North End Road, Golders Green, north-west London, where the Russian dancer lived for almost 20 years, will be the setting for a festival celebrating the legacy she left to dance. She died in 1931.

The festival, from Wednesday to next Sunday, will include exhibitions, masterclasses, lectures and discussions.

Sir Frederick Ashton, the patron of the festival, says Pavlova was "the greatest theatrical personality I have ever seen". Dame Ninette de Valois, a member of the festival committee, said she had inspired several generations to dance.

Devotees of Pavlova attend each January a memorial service at London's Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

Exhibitions at Ivy House will include Pavlova in England and the DBEs of the English Ballet.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Howe calls for West Bank talks

Singapore (Reuter) - Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that violence in the Israeli-occupied territories demonstrated the urgency for an international conference to solve the issue peacefully.

Iranians elect Majlis

Tehran (AP) - Iranians voted for a new parliament yesterday within hours of Iraqi missile attacks on cities, in an election that could help to determine the course of the country's Islamic revolution.

Talks on Lebanon

West Beirut - President Gemayel of Lebanon yesterday flew to Cyprus for an unexpected meeting with the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz.

Police take on gangs

Los Angeles - A task force of 1,000 extra police will fan out through Los Angeles this weekend to try to curb escalating gang warfare and bloodshed which, according to one city councillor, is now worse than the violence in Beirut.

Elephant check row

Valence, France - Mr William Travers, head of the British animal welfare group Zoo Check, flew to the South of France yesterday to investigate the living conditions of the two elephants accompanying Ian Botham on his march across the Alps in Hannibal's footsteps.

Reagan ex-aide jailed

Washington - Lyn Neffizer, left, President Reagan's former White House political director, was sentenced to 90 days imprisonment yesterday and fined \$30,000.



Nixon expresses unease over Bush candidacy

From Charles Bremner, New York

As the Democratic contenders slugged it out on New York's ethnic battlefields yesterday, Vice-President George Bush, the Republicans' serene crown prince, was jolted by some cutting home truths from Mr Richard Nixon.

"The prospect of George Bush as President seems to make everyone ill at ease, nervous," he said in the most direct public comment so far on the man whom he once appointed ambassador to the United Nations.

"What this country needs is a man like John Connally, mean and tough, who could go eye-to-eye with Mikhail Gorbachov and who could handle our economic problems."

ingly questioned. As president, Mr Bush would be trapped by the establishment and Washington bureaucracy, he added.

Mr Nixon offered his views in a remarkably candid interview with the Wall Street Journal before the Iowa caucuses in February but held back agreement until yesterday when it was released to coincide with publication of his book, 1999: Victory Without War.

Now aged 75, and still one of the country's shrewdest political minds, Mr Nixon accurately predicted the course of the race so far.

In the thick of the New York campaign, Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, the self-styled "inevitable candidate", received a twin boost from a string of local Democratic leaders and from

an opinion poll giving him a clear lead over the Rev Jesse Jackson, by 47 to 31 per cent.

But the one blessing that Mr Dukakis has been all but pleading for - that of Governor Mario Cuomo - was still missing.

Mr Laurence Kirwan, the party's state chairman and Mr Cuomo's messenger, said: "The Governor now feels that there are three candidates in this race and 'I want you to pick one of the three.'"

The third man, Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee, came in for a fresh dressing-down from the Governor for his continuing offensive

against Mr Jackson, a tactic aimed at wooing the Jewish vote which accounts for 25 per cent of the Democratic turnout.

"It's a sign of political weakness to attack," Mr Cuomo said. "I'm saying to Senator Gore: 'Tell them about you. Let them understand how positive a force you are.'"

Mr David Garth, the local media genius who is now running Mr Gore's do-or-die New York campaign, hit back at the Governor, who also happens to be a close friend.

On his side, the newly-ecumenical Mr Jackson has been surveying the racial fray with regal composure.

rejection of the US peace initiative, much to the delight of Mayor Edward Koch. The Mayor, the Charybdis to Mr Cuomo's Scylla for the out-of-town campaigners, has been busy telling New York Jews that voting for Mr Jackson would be like being a black and backing apartheid.

But not all Jews are happy at Mr Koch's self-appointed championship. Mr Barry Feinstein, president of the powerful and notorious local Teamsters' Union, said he was backing the black candidate.

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US prepares to take in defeated Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration is drawing up contingency plans for resettling 30,000 to 50,000 Nicaraguan Contras and their families, some of whom would be allowed to live in the US.

The move is an acknowledgement that the seven-year guerrilla war has almost certainly been lost and that the Democrat-controlled Congress is unlikely to grant further military aid, even if peace talks between the Contras and the Sandinistas collapse.

An Administration official said that "the Contra war is over" and that "perhaps the last service I will perform for the Contras will be to hand out green (immigration) cards".

He added that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, believed that "anyone who wants to come to the US should be allowed to come in. I don't think that will be more than about 5,000."

The Administration was astonished that the Contras accepted the terms of the ceasefire agreement they signed with the Sandinistas last month.

Some officials still see a faint possibility that Congress will give military aid if the Sandinistas mount another offensive against the Contras.

In an election year there is clearly no possibility that the Administration would send troops to aid the Contras in the event of another Nicaraguan offensive across the border into Honduras.

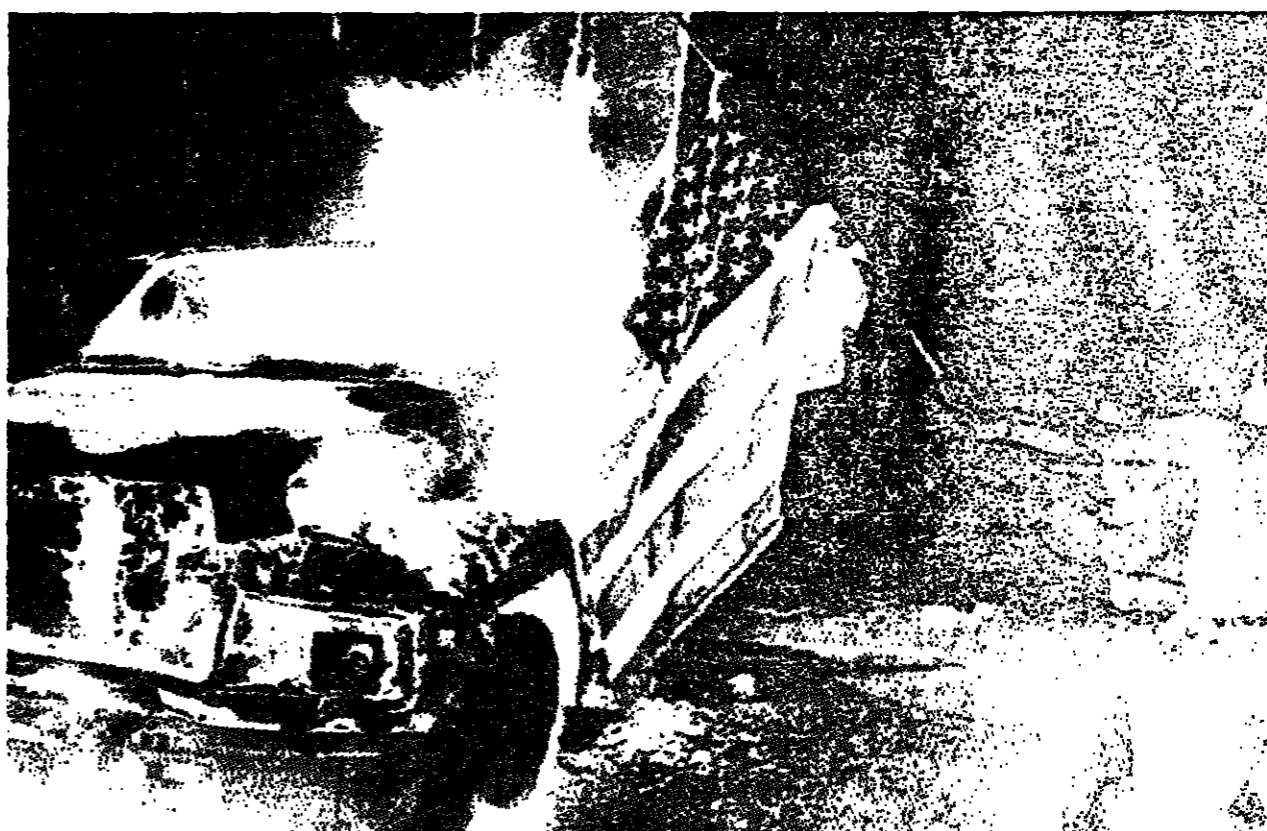
American officials believe that the Sandinistas, who continue to receive huge amounts of military equipment from the Soviet bloc, could quickly overrun the rebels.

Congress last week approved legislation to provide \$47.9 million worth of non-lethal assistance to Contras and to Nicaraguan children injured in the war, but enormous logistical problems are emerging in trying to deliver any of it inside Nicaragua.

President Arias said this could be the first step towards talks between the US and Nicaragua. The Sandinistas have repeatedly called for a resumption of such bilateral talks, which the US broke off in 1985.

President Ortega of Nicaragua has not categorically ruled out multilateral talks. Over the last months, Nicaraguan officials have made numerous compromises in order to keep the peace process moving forward.

He agreed that US humanitarian aid for the Contras could move through Costa Rica, and proposed that Nicaraguan children injured in the war be treated in Costa Rican hospitals, which are the best in the region.



Honduran students setting a US flag alight on a burning car during an attack on the American Embassy in Tegucigalpa.

Four die in drug arrest protest

From Martha Honey, San José

At least four Hondurans were killed and several injured when more than 1,000 rock-throwing students attacked the US Embassy in Tegucigalpa in protest at the handing over to the United States of a reputed drug trafficker.

The demonstrators, mainly university and high school students, broke windows and set fire to the US Embassy annex, burned several dozen cars in the embassy compound, and entered and began looting the building's ground floor, according to local press reports and people contacted in Tegucigalpa.

The crowd, shouting "gringos out of Honduras", marched from the university to the embassy on Thursday evening to protest at the US-engineered arrest and deportation of Ramón Matta Ballesteros, whom Hondurans view as a sort of Robin Hood figure.

Witnesses say the crowd began to disperse when shots were fired from within the embassy compound, apparently by Honduran security guards.

The US Embassy spokesman, Mr Michael O'Brien, said that the embassy was defended by US Marines and Honduran guards but that "absolutely no weapons were fired from either inside the embassy building or from the embassy annex building".

Mr O'Brien said US officials would hold "immediate consultations with the Honduran authorities" to determine why it took more than an hour for 100 riot police to arrive on the scene.

extradition to the US on Tuesday of Matta, a reputed leading Colombian cocaine trafficker whom US authorities suspect was involved in the 1985 murder of a US Drug Enforcement Agency agent.

Honduras has no extradition treaty with the US and the Honduran legislative assembly and press has vigorously denounced his forced seizure and deportation by DEA and Honduran officials.

Matta had bribed his way out of a Colombian jail in 1986 and escaped to Honduras, the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere. He took out Honduran citizenship and became popular for his charitable works, including donations of school desks and medicines to the poor.

drug traffickers to justice was raised by the US Attorney-General, Mr Edwin Meese, when he met Colombia's President Barco here during his current swing through South America to seek greater continental efforts to stem the flow of cocaine northwards (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

However, at a press conference at the end of his five-hour visit to Bogota Mr Meese seemed tacitly to recognize that, for the time being at least, it is highly unlikely that extradition will be revived between the US and the country at the centre of the international cocaine business.

Mr Meese said that members of the Colombian Government had expressed their satisfaction to him over the capture earlier this week of Matta.

Haunting images for Afghan pull-out

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As the Soviet Army enthusiastically prepares to begin its pull-out from Afghanistan next month, two images will be uppermost in the minds of its commanders and their Kremlin masters about scenarios which must, if at all possible, be avoided.

One is the unedifying spectacle of the American helicopters leaving Saigon in 1975 with panicking South Vietnamese personnel clinging to the sides desperately in search of sanctuary; the other is the costly and undignified retreat which the Israelis were forced to make southwards from Beirut, harried by local resistance fighters.

The extent to which the withdrawal will be well ordered and relatively painless depends to a large extent on the details of the so far secret agreement between Moscow and Washington about the continuing provision of aid from either side to the Muslim rebels and the Kabul regime," one Western military expert explained.

"The greater the 'positive symmetry' that is allowed for, the greater will be the capability of the guerrillas to hit at the retreating Soviet soldiers. My hunch would be that the Mujahidin will save their effort until nearly the end, as they may not want to risk holding up the Soviet departure in its early stages."

Western diplomats based in Kabul believe that the main Soviet exit route, the road north from Kabul through the spectacular Salang Pass, is fairly defensible and should not present the Soviet forces with insurmountable difficulties, despite the guerrillas' threat to continue fighting during the nine months of the pull-out.

Similarly, the Afghan cap-

them vast amounts in the way of armour and material," another Western observer said yesterday. "This could enable them at least to hold power in the capital and to try and capitalize on the wide differences which also exist inside the seven-strong rebel alliance."

It is known that the Kremlin, although anxious to discourage any attempts to draw a comparison between its departure and the US retreat from Vietnam, has contingency plans designed to assist its closest allies inside Afghanistan to escape in the face of a collapse of the pro-Moscow regime there.

Western diplomats have seen copies of special cards which have been distributed permitting certain selected members of the Najibullah Government to Soviet-controlled exit points in Kabul in case of what is described loosely as "an emergency."

According to unofficial Western estimates, some 3,000 of these cards have been distributed, but it is not clear under what conditions they could be used.

At almost any cost, the Soviet Union will be wanting to avoid a repetition of the scenes which took place around the US Embassy in Saigon. Under the circumstances given the strength of Kabul's defences, they may succeed," a Western diplomat said. "There are similarities between the two wars, but they are by no means parallel."

Although the Afghan watchers differ in their predictions about how smoothly the withdrawal can be accomplished, they are united in their view that the guerrillas will refuse to accept any government led by President Najibullah. The President, who has

made a strong effort in recent months to play up his devoutness as a Muslim (despite local jokes that he was seen in a mosque with his shoes on), is loathed by all those connected with the resistance and also as was demonstrated by Thursday's high-profile meeting in Tashkent with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov - is seen as the ultimate symbol of the regime's links with Moscow and communism.

"There is more than a chance that a workable coalition could be formed with some members of his People's Democratic Party in it, but it is hard to foresee the civil war being halted as long as he remains at the helm," a European observer said. "Equally it must be acknowledged that he has not shown the slightest inclination of being prepared to stand down."

Amid the various prophecies of gloom who predict months, if not years, of continuing bloodshed in Afghanistan after the last Soviet soldier has left, the one glimmer of hope is provided by those few who predict that, with the final departure of the invading power, the different factions inside the country will cement together - possibly under the leadership of the deposed monarch, Zahir Shah, now exiled comfortably in Italy after his overthrow in 1973.

But even the optimists acknowledge that old scores and grudges resulting from nearly nine years of civil warfare run deep. These, combined with the propensity to violence which is part of the Afghan national character and the huge quantities of weaponry inside the country, made the prospects for peace during or immediately after the Soviet departure as so slim to be virtually non-existent.

Four points of the accord

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The agreements in the Geneva peace accord on Afghanistan, to be signed next week and not later than Thursday - the US preference - are in this order: 1. A bilateral agreement between the Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on principles of mutual relations, in particular non-interference and non-intervention.

2. A bilateral agreement between the two countries on the voluntary return home of Afghan refugees (3.2 million in Pakistan, 2.1 million in Iran).

3. A declaration of international guarantees (guarantors of the agreements being the US and the Soviet Union).

4. An agreement on the inter-relationship of those three articles in the implementation of a settlement "of the situation relating to Afghanistan".

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Science Editor

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The most expensive sale at £42,000, was also something of a surprise, not for the owner, a doctor for Stirling who had thought it was a print. In fact his very direct under-sold was a painting by Jan Hendrik Verheyden, and it was bought by a Dutch dealer against strong competition.

Another doctor, from the Lev, also did well with a "Listen with Mother" by currently popular Denis Sharp, which made £25 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000).

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Air Correspondent

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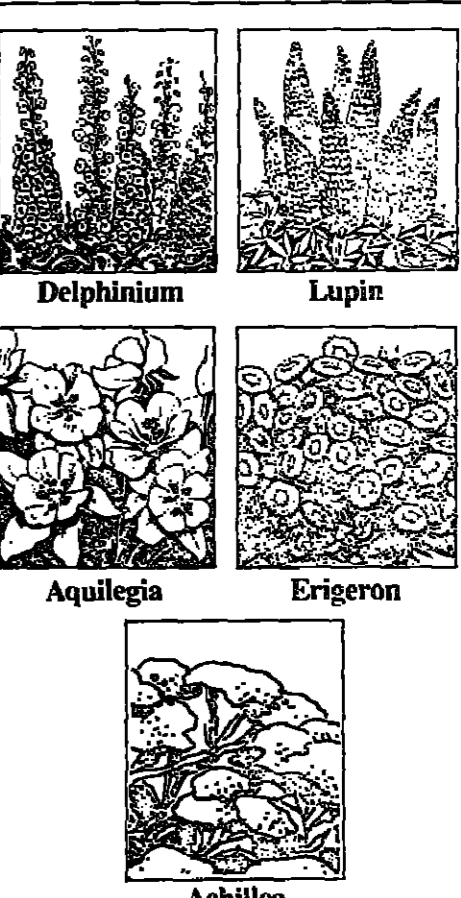
Mr Murray, who is a member of the festival committee, said the festival has inspired several new ideas to dance.

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# Poster protests go on as Yang named President

Peking (Reuter) — China's Parliament yesterday named Mr Yang Shangkun, a veteran general, as the country's new President, the official New China News Agency said.

Leading state posts, filled by a secret ballot of 2,883 delegates to the National People's Congress, confirmed the senior leader Mr Deng Xiaoping's hold on power, diplomats said. As widely expected Mr Deng, aged 83, remains chairman of the state Central Military Commission.

University students continued wall-poster protests against government education policies yesterday and said they believed they had the support of college leaders.

But a call by one poster writer to students to stage a novel "shoesline protest" outside the Great Hall of the People, where the congress met to elect government officials, was ignored. Undergraduates had been urged to gather outside the meeting and offer to clean delegates' shoes for cash, to mock government suggestions that intellectuals practice "self-help" to improve their lot.

Mr Yang, aged 81 this year, is the second most powerful man in the military hierarchy behind Mr Deng, who is his close ally and personal friend. He replaces Mr Li Xiannian, who has been President since the post was revived in 1983.

Mr Li is in ailing health, and although willing to retire, he resented being replaced by a

man two years his senior at a time when China was publicly pushing a policy of promoting a new generation of younger leaders, informed Chinese sources said. Mr Yang's promotion to the largely ceremonial post was expected.

Candidates for the leading state positions were nominated by the ruling Communist Party. Only one candidate for each of the top

headed a military delegation to Washington in May 1987. He has implemented Mr Deng's policy of shimming China's vast army and emphasized the need to benefit from Western military technology as well as develop China's own weapons systems.

As standing vice-chairman and secretary-general of the party's central military commission, Mr Yang is China's

hall when the diminutive figure of Mr Hu Yaobang, who lost his post as party leader in January 1987, put his voting slips in the ballot box.

Congress will end its annual session on April 13. Before then delegates will also elect China's premier for the coming five years. The acting Prime Minister, Mr Li Peng, will be the choice, informed Chinese sources said. Mr Li became acting Prime Minister in November when Mr Zhao left the post to lead the party.

An open letter calling on the Government to spend more on education, posted on campus noticeboards on Thursday remained in place yesterday. In the past most illegal posters were torn down by college officials.

New posters on college noticeboards yesterday included a cartoon likening China to a three-storey building in which the first and second floors — marked "Culture" and "Education" — were crumbling away and the top floor was about to collapse. The cartoon showed a bureaucrat outside the building crying: "I only want to get to the third floor."

One congress delegate, Mr Li Jiuxi, a writer, said yesterday that the plight of intellectuals and the education system had been discussed at the congress. "Investment in education is not enough," said Mr Li. "The situation has improved but there are still problems."

number two military leader after Mr Deng, who has masterminded China's economic reforms since 1978.

Western diplomats said they expected Mr Yang to relinquish one or both of his positions in the armed forces to make way for Mr Deng's heir apparent, Mr Zhao Ziyang, who was confirmed as party leader in November and is seeking the armed forces' patronage.

An official gave delegates careful voting instructions, telling them to use a special pen which can be read by a computer tallying the results and not to write their name on the ballot papers to ensure confidentiality.

A ripple of scattered applause was heard in the vast

posts was marked on the ballot paper, but the New China News Agency said delegates could write in their own choice if they opposed the party's nominee.

Mr Wan Li, aged 71, a Vice Premier known for his strong support of Mr Deng's reforms, was appointed chairman of the congress standing committee which meets between annual sessions of parliament.

Mr Yang's term as President will be five years. His deputy as Vice-President is Mr Wang Zhen, aged 80, a veteran Communist whose wife was executed by the Nationalist army in the 1920s.

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countries, that neither the US nor the EEC was tackling the subsidy problem effectively.

Summing up the proceedings, Lord Plumb welcomed evidence that many governments in the industrialized world were beginning to tackle the necessary agricultural reforms. "But more needs to be done both to correct market imbalances and to shift the emphasis of policies," he said.

President Kaunda yesterday told the EEC that the situation in South Africa was "explosive", and urged Europe to strengthen its economic sanctions against Pretoria.

But Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister and current President of the EEC Council of Ministers, stopped short of promising further European action, noting only that the EEC's aim was to persuade Pretoria to begin a "political dialogue" with black opposition groups. The meeting between Dr

Kaunda and Herr Genscher took place in the margins of the World Food Conference. Herr Genscher flew from Bonn to Brussels at Dr Kaunda's request in advance of a forthcoming high-level EEC meeting on southern Africa in Luxembourg.

Herr Genscher said he hoped to visit Zambia later this year. He said the EEC's view was that apartheid must be abolished, and that as a prerequisite political prisoners must be released from South African jails so that a dialogue could begin.

Two years ago the EEC adopted limited economic sanctions against Pretoria, and set up a programme of EEC aid to "the victims of apartheid". But Zambia and other frontline states argue that this does not go far enough.



Mr Yang Shangkun, right, elected as China's new President in Peking yesterday, casting his vote with Mr Hu Yaobang, who lost his post as Communist Party leader last year.

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Rome (AFP) — Swarms of locusts plaguing North Africa are expected to invade the Sahel states of western and central Africa by the end of May or beginning of June, according to UN experts meeting here.

Munich (AP) — The last letter of Adolf Hitler's mistress, Eva Braun, written on April 30, 1945, seven days before the couple committed suicide, is expected to fetch £1,500 at an auction on April 23.

Seoul (AP) — South Korea is said to be studying measures to clamp down on political defections during the Olympic Games, which begin here in September.

Sydney — Three people trapped for several days by Australia's floods chartered a plane to get home and were killed when the aircraft crashed on landing at Coffs Harbour in northern New South Wales, after being caught in an electrical storm. Four passengers survived.

Delhi (AFP) — India has bought nine of the latest British military Combat Eagle Tractors, and plans to buy 100 more, to help the infantry to clear obstacles on a future battlefield.

Dhaka — Pirates in a coastal mangrove forest in southern Bangladesh killed 15 fishermen and fled with their catch of prawns worth £10,000.

# Kaunda attacks the West's dumping of food surpluses

From Richard Owen and Michael Dwyer, Brussels

An unprecedented world food conference which ended here yesterday highlighted sharp differences over ways of bridging the global gap between Western food surpluses and Third World famine.

President Kaunda of Zambia attacked the dumping of Western surpluses in the Third World, declaring: "Food aid is the fertilizer for a rich crop called hunger."

Dr Kaunda appealed to the two-day conference at the European Parliament building for Europe and the rest of the developed world to "take the lead" in formulating trade policies beneficial to rich and poor nations alike. At one point Dr Kaunda burst into song — a Zambian anthem with the refrain: "One Zambia, one nation, one Africa, one revolution, one world".

Lord Plumb, President of the European Parliament, who organized the conference, said it had

laid the groundwork for a comprehensive political initiative to be launched by the West once the French and American presidential elections were out of the way. Solutions so far had been "piecemeal". He said the initiative would give fresh impetus to the current round of talks on world agricultural reform within Gatt.

The US and the EEC clashed during the conference, with Mr Richard Lyng, the US Agriculture Secretary, accusing the EEC of adhering to "predatory" trade practices and failing to match Washington in radically reducing farm subsidies. Mr Frans Andriessen, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner, retorted that the EEC had reformed its agricultural policy at its February summit, but a complete dismantling of subsidies was "not possible even in the long run".

The conference gathered 300 experts to identify solutions to chronic imbalances in food sup-

plies which have consigned an estimated one billion people in the Third World to starvation and malnutrition while the EEC and other advanced nations create surpluses.

It was the first non-governmental gathering of its kind, and was a direct response by Lord Plumb to a plea by the singer Bob Geldof, when he visited the Parliament two years ago, for the West to take urgent steps to solve the food crisis.

Lord Plumb, a farmer, said the widely held belief that the solution lay in wholesale transfers of food from surplus to deficit nations was misguided.

There was a place for emergency aid — the EEC gives aid worth £800 million a year — but dumping surpluses in poor nations meant that local farmers could not compete and had no incentive to stay on the land. The solution lay in reducing Western farm subsidies in

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# Botha 'making progress' during meetings on Namibia's future

From Michael Hornsby, Windhoek

President Botha of South Africa left Windhoek yesterday after five hours of talks with the Government of Namibia, claiming to have made "some progress" in reconciling serious differences over the future constitution of this vast, mineral-rich territory.

Mr Botha said he would study proposals made by the Transitional Government of National Unity, as the Windhoek administration is called, on the crucial issue of protection of minority rights, in particular, those of Namibia's 78,000 whites.

The whites, mainly Afrikaans-speaking but including some 23,000 German-speakers and 6,000 people of English descent, account for only 6.5 per cent of Namibia's total population of 1,190,000, which is otherwise made up of 10 different black and mixed-race groups.

About 200 supporters of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), whose guerrilla wing has been fighting for independence for more than 20 years, staged a demonstration along Windhoek's main thoroughfare.

Placards carried by the slogan-chanting but otherwise peaceful demonstrators demanded the withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia and called Mr Botha a "murderer" who should be jailed and told him to take his "puppet government back to Pretoria".

Mr Botha, who met the transitional government leaders in the residence of the South African Administrator-General in another part of town, did not see the protest.

In a brief statement after his talks, Mr Botha said that Cuban troops must leave Angola and the United Nations must "demonstrate its impartiality" before there could be any question of implementing United Nations Resolution 435, which calls for UN-supervised elections in Namibia, to be followed by the territory's independence.

It was Mr Botha's first visit to Windhoek since he came here three years ago to install the transitional government, the latest in a series of experiments in multi-racial rule designed by Pretoria to persuade the outside world that there is a credible "moderate" alternative in Namibia to a Swapo government.

While the transitional government, which is boycotted by Swapo and dismissed by the outside world (and many Namibians) as a puppet body, it is a puppet that has shown a growing propensity not to respond when the puppet-master pulls the strings.

Its first departure from the Pretoria-edited script came last June when four of the coalition government's six parties backed a draft constitution providing for majority rule without special political or legal rights for whites or any other minority. Their position received a moral and legal boost last month when the Windhoek Supreme Court handed down an advisory "opinion" that Proclamation AG 8 — a key piece of apartheid legislation imposed on Namibia by Pretoria — was incompatible with Namibia's Bill of Fundamental Rights and should be repealed.

Under AG 8, all taxes paid by whites (between 70 and 80 per cent of total tax revenue) go to the white authority and are spent on whites-only facilities.

While Mr Botha was in Windhoek, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the head of the Anglican Church in southern

Africa, was holding a service at Odibo, on Namibia's border with southern Angola, to show solidarity with local people who claim they are victims of atrocities by the security forces.

Anglican bishops are holding their annual synod in Windhoek next week. A spokesman for Archbishop Tutu said the Namibian capital had been chosen as the venue to mark the 10th anniversary of the adoption of Resolution 435 by the United Nations Security Council.

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa's Ambassador to the UN was in Paris visiting his girl friend during the critical Security Council debate on mandatory "sanctions" last month, it was revealed yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

Only days before the debate, Mr Les Manley had delivered a speech, written for him by the Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, in which South Africa challenged the world community to "do its damndest". Sources said that a few weeks Mr Manley had been given permission to take a break, but that he had failed to tell his superiors it would coincide with the debate.

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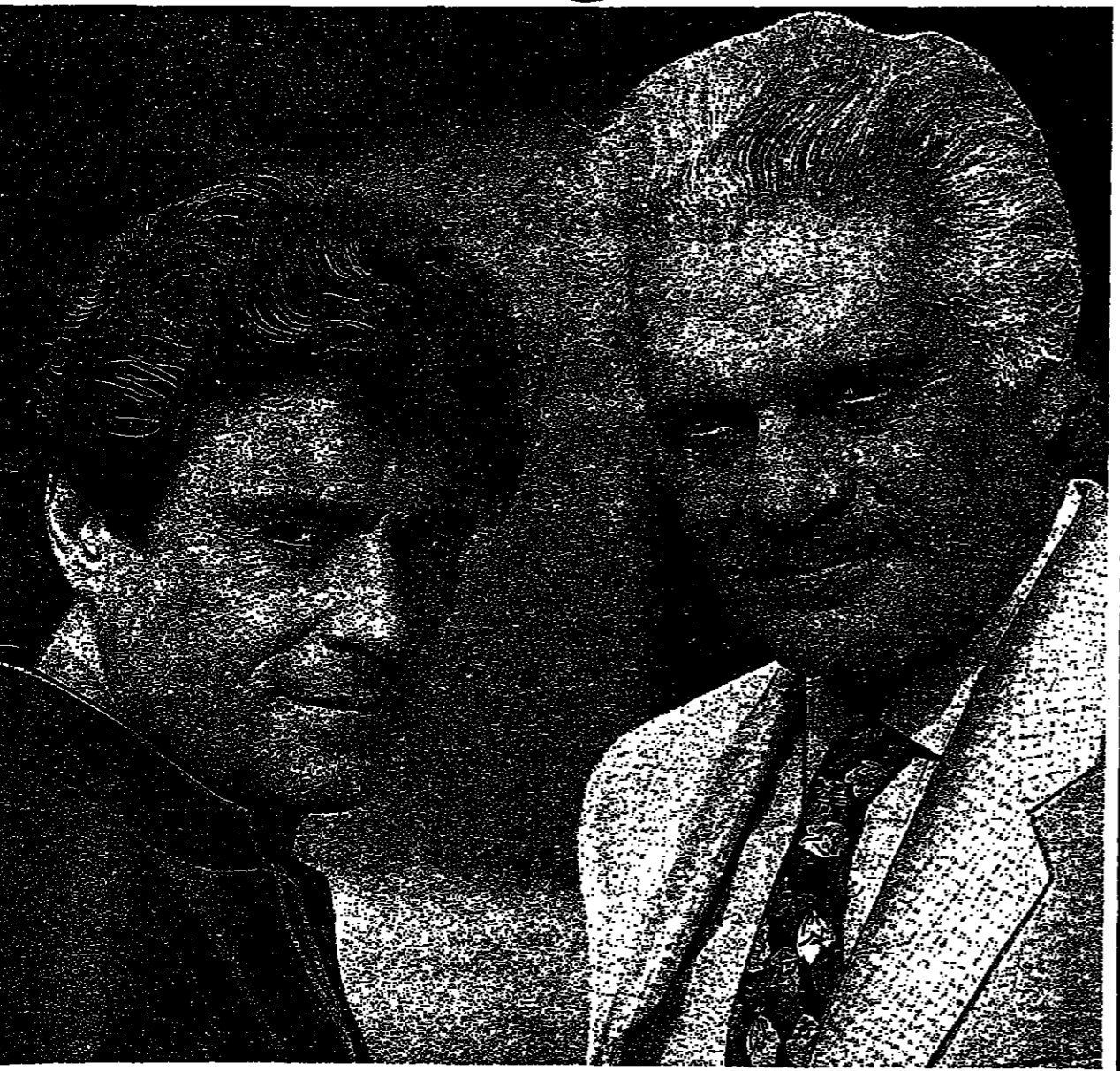
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# Thatcher promises to help free EEC aid for Turkey

From Robin Oakley, Istanbul

Mrs Thatcher promised Turkey yesterday that she would help to unlock £375 million of EEC funds to assist the country's economic programme.

The funds, due under the so-called Fourth Protocol of Turkey's association agreement with the EEC, have been blocked at Greek insistence by the European Parliament. But relations between Greece and Turkey are thawing and Mrs Thatcher promised yesterday: "We are not blocking the fourth protocol. We would like it to come into effect. We shall do our best to get it unblocked."

Mrs Thatcher added that the release of the funds would be an appropriate "earnest of good intent" from the EEC in relation to Turkey's application for full membership, which is now being assessed.

The British gesture was seen as a *quid pro quo* for private assurances from Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, that bids by British consortia for a number of infrastructure projects will be received in a favourable light.

Later at a lunch in Istanbul given by the city's Mayor, Mr Bedrettin Dolan, Mrs Thatcher said that more could be done to make Turkey's association agreement with the EEC work better. "I promise you that Britain will be looking very closely at ways to achieve this, starting with this month's meeting of the Association Council in Brussels."

But Mrs Thatcher warned the Turks not to be in too much of a hurry over their

EEC application. She said that the European Commission was preparing its opinion on the application in the normal way. "It is bound to take time. The issues are complex and it is not in either side's interests to rush consideration of them," she said.

In an airport press conference in Ankara Mrs Thatcher lavished praise on Mr Ozal's management of the Turkish economy, which she said he had "transformed".

Although she said it was for all 12 EEC countries to decide on Turkey's eventual entry to the community, she said that Mr Ozal's stimulation of the Turkish economy "will be a great help".

Mr Ozal forecast that Turkey would be ready for entry to the EEC much sooner than anyone had expected.

On the thorny question of human rights in Turkey, which could cause complications with the application, Mrs Thatcher said she had discussed the question with Mr Ozal in the past. In a surprising tribute she said: "He is doing everything he possibly can to see full human rights are enjoyed in Turkey."

On the Middle East, Mrs Thatcher said she wished Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, well with his initiative, but "it won't be solved until the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people are negotiated and met".

On Cyprus, she said that she and Mr Ozal both wanted to see a unified state with a

federal constitution, but the first stage was for the Greek Cypriot and Turkish communities on the island to talk directly to each other under UN auspices. It was not for Britain to bring about a new initiative.

● **ATHENS:** Greece has flatly rejected a proposal by Turkey for a meeting between Mr Ozal and Mr Andreas Papanastasiou, the Greek Prime Minister, with Mr George Vassiliou, the newly-elected Cypriot President, and Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish-Cypriot leader, to discuss the future of Cyprus (Mario Modiano writes).

"The Cyprus problem is not a Greek-Turkish issue," an official statement said. "Greece is not prepared to participate in any procedure that would imply recognition of Mr Denktas's sham state."

The proposal for a quadri-lateral summit on Cyprus made by Mr Ozal during Mrs Thatcher's visit to Turkey, it appeared to be an alternative to President Vassiliou's request for a meeting with the Turkish Prime Minister, which Mr Ozal has so far spurned.

The Cypriot President was in London last week to put to Mrs Thatcher his argument in favour of his meeting with Mr Ozal rather than with Mr Denktas who, in his view, was not qualified to answer questions about the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from northern Cyprus, nor the nature of international guarantees demanded by Cyprus.

Mr Ozal made his offer

conditional on a prior meeting between President Vassiliou and Mr Denktas, but the Cypriot President has made it clear that this can happen only under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General.

The Greek rejection of Mr Ozal's offer showed how much Greece and Turkey are still at variance despite recent vigorous efforts at reconciliation.

In fact, tension in the Aegean this week rose perilously in the course of mock dog-fights after Greek fighter planes intercepting Turkish aircraft for violating Greek air space locked their attack missiles on target when the intruding aircraft defied them.

Despite commitments by the two prime ministers to desist from actions likely to endanger the newly-found spirit of détente, Turkish warplanes have continued to assume that Greek air space over the Aegean islands is 93 miles, not 10 as fixed in a 1931 decree.

A Greek protest to Ankara yesterday was dismissed by the Turkish Foreign Ministry, which argued that, since Turkey recognized only a six-mile Greek air space zone, there had been no violations.

A joint Greek-Turkish commission of diplomatic and military officials which met in Athens last week to consider the problem of Aegean flights and exercises was unable to go beyond a restatement of diametrically opposed views. The issue was referred to the foreign ministers, who are scheduled to meet in May.

# Order of Malta gathers in Rome



Members of the Catholic order, the Knights of Malta, beginning their conclave yesterday to choose a new Grand Master.

# Knights to elect Grand Master

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Hooded in black, 36 successors to the Crusaders yesterday met in conclave to elect the new Grand Master of the Order of Malta, a wealthy, influential charity that has the trappings of a sovereign state.

The 36 knights are the leaders of the 12,000-strong Sovereign Military Order. Some in monastic dress, others in civilian suits, the electors celebrated Mass yesterday and then filed into the first-floor council room of the order's sprawling Villa Magistrale in Rome to vote for the successor of Grand Master

Angelo de Mojana di Cologna, who died in January.

It is the first such election since 1962 and the Grand Council Room has not been opened in 25 years. Yesterday, around a table decked with a scarlet tablecloth and the Maltese cross, gathered such figures as a Brazilian industrialist, descendants of the Prussian and French monarchies and an English school teacher, Mr Andrew Bertie.

Mr Bertie, as a Professed Knight — that is a knight who has taken monastic vows — is one of the 22 possible

contenders for Grand Master. The betting, however, is on a Czech and three Italians. The eventual winner will be announced after approval by the Pope.

The membership of the order is still mainly aristocratic. But the need to operate an ambitious international charity programme — the order has 200 hospitals in about 90 countries — has led to a democratization within the order, bringing in wealthy non-aristocrats.

The knights trace their origins to the 11th century when a French monk established a hospice for sick pilgrims to the Holy Land. The order has characteristics of a sovereign state — its own passports, embassies (in 50 countries), coinage, stamps and number plates on cars. In recent years a number of false Maltese Orders have sprung up and have tried to sell essentially meaningless titles and passports. One of the first tasks of the new Grand Master will be to consult the special orders committee to decide on how to defend the knights from these pretenders.

# Ankara modernizes

# Waving flag for British firms

From Robin Oakley, Political Editor, Istanbul

Was Mrs Thatcher's journey to Turkey strictly necessary? It did not offer her dividends like the Moscow trip in the world spotlight, or even the January journey to Kenya and Nigeria, a useful defensive gambit to save her being accused at the next Commonwealth conference of lacking interest in Africa.

But leaving aside the need to keep the Prime Minister's restless energies engaged in the Easter recess there were two explanations. The first was the chasing of contracts as Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, continues the modernization of his country.

His switch from an agricultural economy to an indus-

trial one to prepare Turkey as a candidate for EEC membership offers opportunities to British firms, and the days when only French leaders toured abroad with order book in hand have gone. There was nothing coy about the way Mrs Thatcher waved flags for British firms.

But these days Mrs Thatcher has another export which she is interested in plugging: Thatcherism itself. When Mr Ozal visited London in 1986 she described herself as an Ozalite. What she meant was that he is an unreconstructed Thatcherite now putting his people through the austerity which she imposed in 1981 with Sir Geoffrey Howe. With Turkey and Britain the two fastest growing economies in Europe, the itch to see pure Thatcherism at work elsewhere was too much to resist.

Then there was Cyprus — where both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Ozal are taking refuge in the formula that it is for the island communities led by President Vassiliou and Mr Rauf Denktas to meet under UN auspices before there is any case for the involvement of Turkey and Britain as guarantor powers. Mrs Thatcher steered clear of pressing Mr Ozal to withdraw more of the 29,000 Turkish troops in northern Cyprus.

On Nato, Mrs Thatcher seems to have made little progress in pushing the Turks into greater military modernization and a willingness to accept more short-range nuclear weapon-launchers in the post-INF agreement world.

But above all, there was the EEC. The Turks are keen to win entry. Most EEC governments, still struggling with accommodating Spain and Portugal, are alarmed at the prospect of embracing a still-

poor nation with a fast-growing population. The population is growing so quickly that if Turkey entered today, one in three EEC citizens would be Turks by the next century.

As a long-time friend, Britain is in a special position, especially as a result of Mrs Thatcher's visit.

To win goodwill and bolster the hopes of contracts for Britain, Mrs Thatcher made encouraging noises about the Turkish application to join the EEC, emphasizing Turkey's existing links with Nato and the Council of Europe.

She endorsed the claim of Kemal Ataturk, father of modern Turkey, that "for centuries the Turks have walked from the East in the direction of the West".

So they have. Though 98 per cent Muslim, Turkey is a secular and democratic state with only a small minority taste for Islamic fundamentalism. The Turks, with their zest for life, scorn those Arabs who preach holy austerity at home and indulge in riotous excess in foreign capitals.

But there remain differences in democracy and human rights which could hold up Turkish entry to the EEC as well as economic considerations.

When asked about the recent arrest of two Christian evangelicals in Ankara for proselytizing their faith, Mr Inal Batu, the equable foreign affairs spokesman, told us: "If they were arrested they must

have violated our law." Not exactly a presumption of innocence until proved guilty.

Despite 70 per cent inflation, Turkey is on the way economically. But there is a long way to go. And EEC entry took Britain nearly 15 years. But although Mrs Thatcher was scrupulous in her small print warnings that due process must be gone through and that there are serious difficulties with the EEC application, the tone of her visit has excited expectations.

Mr Ozal told me: "Long before it is expected, Turkey will be in position to join the EEC." Turkish ministers expect to have gained membership before the turn of the century.

They are now looking to Britain to give impetus to their application. But if that should be disappointed it could be Britain, as the friend who will be seen to have failed them, who would bear the brunt of the disappointment.



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Rome (AFP) — Swarms of locusts plaguing North Africa are expected to invade the central states of western Africa by the end of May or beginning of June, according to UN experts meeting here.

# Braun letter

Munich (AP) — The last letter of Adolf Hitler's mistress, Eva Braun, written on April 2, 1945, seven days before the couple committed suicide, is expected to fetch £1,600 at an auction on April 23.

# Defection ban

Seoul (AP) — South Korea said it is studying measures to clamp down on political defections during the Olympic Games, which begin here in September.

# Three die

Sydney — Three people trapped for several days by Australia's floods chartered a plane to get home and were killed when the aircraft crashed on landing at Coffs Harbour in northern New South Wales, after being caught in an electrical storm. Four passengers survived.

# Delhi deal

Delhi (AFP) — India has bought nine of the latest British military Combat Engineer Tractors, and plans to buy 100 more to help it in its drive to clear obstacles in future battlefields.

# Prawn pirates

Dhaka — Pirates in a coast mangrove forest in southern Bangladesh killed 15 fishermen and fled with their catch of prawns worth \$10,000.

# ... during's future

Africa, was holding a seat at Odibo, on Namibia's border with southern Angola, show solidarity with the people who claim they are victims of atrocities by security forces.

Anglican bishops are holding their annual synod in Windhoek next week. A spokesman for Archbishop Tutu said the Namibian episcopate had been chosen to return to mark the 10th anniversary of the adoption of Resolution 435 by the UN Security Council.

● **JOHANNESBURG:** The African Ambassador to the UN was in Paris visiting his girl friend during the UN Security Council debate on mandatory sanctions against South Africa.

Only days before the debate Mr Les Maitse had delivered a speech written for him by the Foreign Minister, Mr Rik Pieterse, in which he said Africa should "do its own thing". Sources said that a few weeks Mr Maitse had given permission to take a break, but that he had later told his superiors it would coincide with the debate.

# ical teams e-evaluated

drilling three holes in the wall of the passage leading to the so-called Queen's Chamber in the interior of the pyramid after some preliminary readings indicated the possibility of unknown chambers. The holes were not more than 2in in diameter and some 4ft long, drilled through the thickness of a granite wall — but had left space beyond to four passages to the structures.

The Japanese expedition led by Dr Sakaji Yoshimune scanned the pyramid for non-destructive electronic magnetic devices, also looking for chambers which might contain the pharaoh's treasure. But the team's search was hampered by severe restrictions on the excavation of the pyramid at the last part of the Sphinx, when they claim to have detected metal.



# TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

One must never get confused and imagine that we have anything at all in common with Americans. A week today the cricket season starts, in its usual low-key, understated fashion. The first ball of the season is generally a trundled indicker down the leg side: no run. The summer snooze can commence. This week saw the beginning of the baseball season in the States. Every year it begins with great fanfares, with celebrities tossing out the first pitch — throwing a ball from the stands on to the field of play.

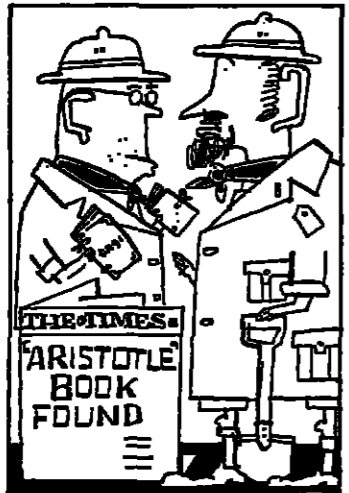
This year the top celebrity toss-out of the day was performed by Jessica McClure, aged two. Observers of American life, especially those who were around during the World Series last autumn, will recall that the nation thrilled to the Jessica McClure story for days on end: the poor child was trapped down a well in Texas for 58 hours. America watched as the rescue operation was mounted.

Very much alive, fit and famous, Jessica, tossed out the first pitch at the Texas Rangers game, and at three feet it was the shortest toss of the day. I wish they would try something like that at Lord's. And then we could also sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the tea interval, perhaps.

It's the Grand National today, and this column is going for the hat-trick. Having tipped the winners of the last two years, my racing snout ("The Great One") has emerged from his form-books, tart cards and tea-leaves to tell us that West Tip is the boy. For a nice outsider, back Hard Case each way. West Tip, who won in 1986, was a classically improbable Grand National winner. The horse, of course, had a near fatal crash with a lorry, and still carries a gigantic scar. This is in the Grand National tradition all right. In 1904 a horse called Moifaa, from New Zealand, was shipwrecked and had to swim ashore. The following day, it won the National. Rubie, who won 80 years ago, once pulled a bus. Tipperary Tip won in 1928 with a metal tube in its throat. The 1848 winner, Chandler, had once been used to settle a grocery bill. Gladstone, which won in 1911, had only one eye — and in fact was the only finisher.

Chelsea football club's obstructionism and insult to the press has always had a gritty, bracing charm. Their livewire chairman, Ken Bates, has run a personal jihad against the press for years. But suddenly Chelsea have gone nice, if not downright smarmy. Reporters at the match against Watford last week were left reeling after a series of shocks. Seasoned Chelsea hands, accustomed to the grim-visaged stewards they call "the Gestapo", found smiling faces on unrecognizably helpful men who called them "Sir". The ritual post-match press conference was always a reluctant affair held in a boiler-room: this time the bemused men of the pen were politely shown to the manager's office and treated to sandwiches, cold beer, chilled white wine and spirits. The caretaker manager, Bobby Campbell, presented himself as a happy, laughing chap. It's enough to wreck one's faith in human nature.

## BARRY FANTONI



"2,600 years old I imagine the library fine will be horrendous"

A hole-in-one is golf's quotidian miracle. But the brothers Reg and Ron Harradine have done their best to extend the boundaries of the possible. Neither is any world-beater at the game: Reg plays off 27, and Ron off 28. But on the same day last month, and in the same competition at St George's Golf Club, Weybridge, each managed a hole-in-one. At the same hole, naturally.

This column sends its best hurrahs to Len Habbits, who takes part in the scullers head of the river race today. He has taken part in every scullers since the race began: he was 43 when he entered the first, and is 79 now. He was a former Diamond Sculls finalist (1938) and his words could be adopted as a motto by us all: "I never distress myself. I want to live a bit longer, so I don't push it."

I hear a sad tale from Barbados. David Murray, the former West Indian wicket-keeper, took the krugerrand some years ago, and went on the two West Indian rebel cricket tours of South Africa. The money involved was unbelievable: for the first tour alone he was paid US\$96,000. Now he is broke. He has blown the whole lot, mostly on drugs: a result, he says, of the shame he was made to feel on his return.

The game of cricket has now been officially recognized in France. The Fédération Française de Cricket has been given formal approval by the Prefecture de Police in Paris. This means that the federation can apply for government grants. Already a new cricket ground is planned for Paris, in the Bagatelle, near the Pont de Fautou. It is to be used for the French National Cricket Championship, which takes place in the Dordogne at the end of the month, so the event is financed by sponsorship and private money. Crucially, Spinoff and local Bergerac wine-growers have contributed to the refreshments. I don't suppose the French championship could subsist on the classic cricket *antenne cuisine*: a sandwich, a slice of Swiss roll and sweet, milky tea: the taste of summer.

"What matters most about political ideas is the underlying emotions, the music to which the ideas are mere libretto, often of very inferior quality." — Sir Lewis Namier.

The American media like to play with presidential candidates as the Homeric gods once played with the heroes on the plains of Troy — visiting them with rosy dreams, jerking them up and down on the strings of the opinion polls, killing them for sport. Given the media's presumptions of omnipotence as well as their delight in melodrama, the Rev Jesse Jackson's loss in Wisconsin works to his advantage. Suddenly becoming a far less ominous persona, he regains the privileges of a holy fool.

At least until the New York primary on April 19, the media can safely re-assign him the task of keeping the nation's conscience. Now that it looks as if Jackson cannot possibly win the nomination at the Democratic convention in Atlanta in July, let him say whatever he wants to say about the desolation of the American soul, about "economic violence" and corporate greed, about the venality of the Reagan administration and the heartlessness of a plutocracy that so blandly accepts, as the price of its comfort, the higher rates of poverty and crime.

Let the gentleman make his fine speeches because, with any luck and the right sort of cause, his speeches won't cause any more trouble, and nobody will have to ask awkward ques-

## Lewis Lapham assesses Jesse Jackson's Wisconsin setback

# Cooling the hot gospeller

Being black, Jackson represents in his person the condition of people suppressed by a government that serves, timorously and with an unctuous smile, the interests of the rich. The only candidate in either party to use the words "liberty" and "justice", Jackson voices the sentiments once thought to be traditional among politicians who presumed to represent the aspirations of the common people.

He retains his licence to say what he pleases as long as his words remain figures of speech, as long as everybody understands that he doesn't care who writes the libretto, or what the lyrics mean. Had any white politician travelled around the country making comparable announcements, the press would have hounded him with relentless questions. By and large, the press said nothing about Jackson's subtle playing on the instruments of racial hatred and racial fear, nor did it inquire too closely into the sources of his campaign funds. The voices of respectable opinion kept silent because hardly anybody took Jackson seriously. His rhetoric

was construed as a form of entertainment. Watching him play politics was like watching the Harlem Globetrotters play basketball. Nobody kept the score. By excusing Jackson from the responsibility expected of a white politician, the media displayed not only its cowardice but also its own implicit racism. Because Jackson was black, he enjoyed the privileges of an infant. He was somebody to be humoured and condescended to, somebody whose words didn't count. But in Michigan in last March the facade of broad-minded tolerance collapsed like a row of tenements in a city slum. Jackson won the Michigan caucuses and seized 55 per cent of the vote in a state that was supposed to show better sense. The spectacle of so many young and earnest farmers crowding into the preacher's gaudy tent prompted a feeling of panic within the nation's political and press establishments. Suddenly was anybody that Jackson could carry off the Democratic nomination. What would they do then?

Jackson's nomination would clearly wreck the Democratic party, on the further and more

preposterous assumption that the fellow were to be elected president, what would become of Western civilization?

If he were to make good on even half his promises (about doubling the education budget, dismantling the national arsenal, raising taxes on profits, providing medical services to anybody in need), the federal government would soon find itself reduced to penury.

The more terrified functionaries imagined scenes of Saturnalia in the White House, Jackson, like the Emperor Jones, tricked up in a coat of many colours and flinging the nation's treasure to a mob of shiftless remittance men. Every newspaper columnist with pretensions to liberalism felt obliged to explain that it wasn't Jackson's colour that troubled him (Heaven knows, not that), but his lack of experience in the councils of state. The preacher had never commanded even a platoon of bureaucrats; what was he to do with a regiment or a division?

A television correspondent noticed that Jackson's economic libretto was incoherent, and a few downright spiteful reporters thought it presumptuous of him

to open lines of diplomatic communication with Manuel Noriega in Panama. An anonymous source suggested that Jackson was casting himself as the leader of a Third World nation that happened to be located within the boundaries of the continental United States.

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## Bernard Levin

# Liberty's happy champion

For more than 40 years there has been in Britain a tiny man with a bald head, a Slav accent and an irremovable smile. His polished bounce, his vowels and his lack of a real nose, irrelevant, since they are none of his doing, but the smile needs explaining, for assuredly he has led a life of which most people would say that it has included very little to smile about, and even less to laugh at. But they, you see, do not know Leopold Labedz.

Leo was born in Poland in 1920; he was not to know it, but when the war broke out he found himself unwillingly defining Mid-century Man, as indeed did his native country. Ground beneath the western millstone of Hitler's devouring half of Poland and the eastern one of Stalin's engorging rest, Leo was faced at the age of 19 — somewhat earlier than most of us would feel was quite fair — with the realization that evil comes in more forms than one, and comes heavily armed, at that. The black terror murdered many members of Leo's family, and the red one many more, but Providence had other plans for him, and his friends and admirers (I come into both categories, I am happy to say) are glad that she did.

For Leo survived as a witness to what dictatorship is and does, a witness free of all personal bitterness, but one committed for the rest of his life to the exposure, in the pure, clear light of reason and scholarship, of the reality that lies at the heart of totalitarian theory and practice, and of those who live in freedom but serve its enemies. The late Tibor Szamuely had had a very similar experience of that reality; he, too, became a notable British scholar of such matters, an equally relentless foe to evil and its canting apologists, and I have for years looted their work (together with Professor Robert Conquest's and Professor Paul Hollander's — and that of many others who labour in the same vineyard) to weave my own

passion with a heaped tablespoonful of impeccable facts.

Leo Labedz has for many years edited a quarterly magazine called *Survey*, with a subtly barbed sub-title: *A Journal of East and West studies*. Its most recent issue (a double-sized one, to be had from 44 Great Windmill Street, London, W1, price £10) lies before me as I write, clad not in the magazine's normal sober white but in a vivid yellow, with the cover's usually unadorned typography complemented by a drawing of Leo himself, still smiling. And this is no ordinary quarterly edition of *Survey*; it is a *Festschrift*, but a unique one. For its 372 pages are devoted entirely to Leo's own writings, lovingly and carefully selected and juxtaposed by Mel Lasky, editor of *Encounter* (where most of Leo's work outside *Survey* appeared); the book is called *The Use and Abuse of Sovietology*, and is a fitting tribute (it would be even more so if it had an index) to a man who has never wavered in his defence of truth and freedom, or in his relentless hunting of those who would destroy both.

The magazine is indispensable for those who want thoroughly-researched, original, illuminating studies of some of the most important issues of our world, and Leo would insist that his own contributions to it are in no way special. But to see his work as collected is to have an immensely and permanently valuable guided tour to those issues. Leo goes from an enormous and detailed study of the way in which Orwell's work was distorted and demeaned in 1984, to a profound insight into the life and work of Czeslaw Milosz (one of the very few recent winners of the Nobel Prize for literature who could be said to have deserved it), and from a meticulously documented (but all Leo's work is meticulously documented) account and analysis of the



Sinyavsky-Daniel trial to a 60-page analysis of the work of Isaac Deutscher which leaves that "false prophet" in more pieces than Humpty Dumpty. (There are three more such hollow idols in the same section, one being E.H. Carr, long overdue for demolition, another that almost tragic figure Alexander Werth, who used to spend a decade or so falsifying history in the interests of the Soviet Union, then admit culpability for his behaviour, and then start all over again, and Noam Chomsky, who — for all Leo's scrupulous tracing of his tergiversations — is plainly not worth the space.)

Leo's splendid defence of Orwell against those who wanted to

water him down is particularly significant; there is much of the English writer's approach and character in the Pole (though, incidentally, Leo is one of those naturalized Britons — who love their new motherland more passionately than many of the native born).

I have always felt that Orwell was symbolically defined by the way he went about refuting the Stalinist lie that during the Second World War the Trotskyites (because they criticized Stalin) must have been in the pay of Hitler. I would have gone about it by interviewing all the Trotskyites I could find, studying their publications, going to their meetings, interrogating

their accusers, following their leaders and tapping their telephones. At the end of six months I would have an immense dossier, housed in hundreds of boxes, proving without the slightest doubt that the Trotskyites were not, and never had been, in the pay of Hitler, and I would feel, though exhausted, pretty pleased with myself.

Orwell provided the same rigorous proof in a single sentence: "I have sometimes pointed out," he wrote, "that if the Trotskyites were in the pay of Hitler, or of anyone else, they would occasionally have some money". And here is Leo Labedz, reaching into his almost incredibly comprehensive ar-

chives, and finding the perfect words, as economical as Orwell's, with which to lay bare the enduring nature of those whose native language is Newspeak.

Noam Chomsky has been ironical about Western intellectuals who, according to him, gave too much "publicity" to the Cambodian genocide. He detected a conspiracy — "It is striking that the discovery of Gulag was made at the end of the Vietnam war, when it was convenient to deflect attention to other things". The conspiratorial ways of the Western press are indeed far-reaching. For Regis Debraj Western, perversion of truth goes even further: for him Gulag "is a word imposed by imperialism".

I was not just totalitarianism and the dishonesty about it that called down Orwell's wrath, and although Leo's is indeed called down by those sins he, too, needs more to sharpen the fine edge of his scorn; it is the corrupt use of language (Leo undoubtedly knows Orwell's *Politics and the English Language* by heart) and of what language is for — reason, communication, understanding, knowledge, learning, wisdom, the advancement of humanity and its deepest concerns. As it happens, Leo writes a prose of great lucidity, simplicity and vigour, but even if he had never fully mastered his adopted tongue he would still be a model of clarity because of the clarity of his mind and thought, informed as they are by his undying worship of freedom and his implacable resistance to those who would deprive us of it.

As I write these words, Leo is in hospital. I would be delighted to learn that my heartfelt celebration of his achievements might get him up and stirring earlier than the doctors predict, even by an hour, for this is no time for such champions of truth to be laid low. Up, then, Leo; and back to the battle-lines, where you belong.

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## Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

# Fly now, pay never

Washington March 31 was the busiest day ever at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. People were rushing to qualify for the biggest commercial bribe in the history of capitalism — "triple mileage" in airline "frequent flyer" programmes, which offer free travel and other perks based on the number of miles you fly with any particular airline.

Most major airlines were offering triple mileage credit on all flights for the rest of the year to anybody who flew one round trip before the end of March. Since their invention in 1981, frequent flyer programmes have become an obsession among America's travelling class, which includes business executives, salesmen and political reporters. Eight million people belong to an average of three or four programmes each. They will be owed more than \$1 billion in free travel by the end of 1988.

People balance their mileage accounts more carefully than their checkbooks, pore over the befuddlingly complex rules and weigh the value of three first-class upgrades versus a domestic round-trip companion ticket (Hawaii not included, certain holidays blacked out) versus off-season round trip to Amsterdam (the extra weeks are covered where along the route, but only if you change planes in St Louis), and so on.

For the airlines, frequent flyer programmes have two purposes. The first is to build brand loyalty in a business where the products are pretty indistinguishable. The second is to deal with the reality that business travellers don't pay

for their own tickets. So frequent-flyer programmes are a bribe to employees deciding how to spend the boss's money.

The original programmes simply distributed coupons on each flight, which could be saved up for free travel. When employers started demanding that employees turn in the coupons, the airlines responded with today's elaborate computerized accounting systems and various rules making the mileage credits hard to transfer.

Though the airlines deny it, frequent flyer programmes clearly lead to higher fares. The airlines have just increased full economy fares on domestic flights by about 15 per cent and tightened restrictions on discount fares, even as the mileage giveaway explodes. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants is thinking of requiring airlines to set aside 10 per cent of all revenues — that would be \$4 billion a year — to pay for future free travel.

The programmes are a rip-off in other ways as well. They encourage people travelling at the firm's expense to choose the airline they belong to, rather than the one with the cheapest fare. And many take entirely needless trips in order to run up their mileage. Every American office worker has stories about this sort of thing, and the statistics bear them out: American Airlines' passenger miles in February were 25 per cent up on 1987, despite higher fares and a slower economy. "Triple mileage" is the explanation.

Most insidious, frequent flyer programmes protect the estab-

lished airlines against new competition. America's decade-long experiment in airline deregulation has been a spectacular success, and the envy of European free marketers. Fares have fallen, in real terms by about a quarter. But critics predict that this is only temporary; after a shake-out, they say, a few large carriers will dominate the market and be able to raise prices. Recent developments are starting to bear them out.

By its nature, the airline industry should be one of the easiest to break into. All you need is a couple of leased aircraft and a bucket of paint for your logo. But frequent flyer programmes make it very hard to crack. If someone has 100,000 miles racked up with United, he will not switch to Upstart Airlines, no matter how cheap or convenient its flights.

One especially irritating feature of frequent flyer programmes, to non-frequent flyers, is that they are tax-free. I doubt that anyone in America has ever been saintly enough to declare the free travel as in-kind income. The government has never pressed the point, though the tax officials claim to be studying the matter.

The airlines are said to be secretly hoping so. They fear they have created a monster that will swallow all their profits when people start cashing in their mileage. It would serve them right. This is what happens when you massage the great American g-spot ("g", in this case, for greed).

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## SCIENCE REPORT

# High methane

Roughly a third of the methane gas in the Earth's atmosphere comes from the burning of fossil fuel, according to New Zealand researchers in this week's *Nature*. This estimate is important both because of the continuing uncertainty about the source of methane in the atmosphere and because the steady accumulation of the gas may have climatic consequences.

Methane concentration in the air has been something of a puzzle in the past few years, during which it has increased by an average of 1.5 per cent a year. Comparisons of the air we now breathe with bubbles of ancient air trapped in polar ice have shown that methane concentrations have increased 1.5 times since 1800.

Anxiety about methane centres on the possibility that it will accentuate the "greenhouse effect", the predicted gradual warming of the Earth's surface based predominantly on the increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Methane, the simplest of all hydrocarbons and the chief constituent of natural gas, is still a "trace" gas, accounting for only a few parts per 1,000 million in ground-level air, compared with one part in 300 for carbon dioxide. But methane is expected to be much more efficient at trapping heat radiation near the Earth's surface, thus increasing world-



wide, while its concentration is increasing six times faster than that of carbon dioxide.

Surprisingly, the possible role of methane in the greenhouse mechanism has been recognized only in the past decade or so, as the feasibility of measuring the small quantities present in the atmosphere has been demonstrated.

Where has all the extra methane come from? Analyses of air samples trapped in polar ice show that the rise in atmospheric methane matches human population growth. This is not surprising, apart from the burning of fossil fuels and other organic materials, the chief known sources of methane are rice paddies and fermentation in the guts of domestic animals, particularly cattle. But methane is also

produced naturally in wetlands (whence its popular name "marsh gas") and in the digestion of certain other structures, among which termites are conspicuous.

David Lowe and his colleagues at the Institute of Nuclear Sciences at the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Zealand have set out to detect the source of the methane by measuring the proportions of the three carbon isotopes which are chemically identical but which differ in mass.

While all methane contains the predominant isotope carbon-12, methane from fossil fuels more than a few thousand years old contains none of the radioactive isotope carbon-14, formed by cosmic rays in the atmosphere and which is therefore contained in the methane given off by living plants and animals.

On this basis, the researchers conclude that about 32 per cent of the methane arising from the burning of fossil fuels. Whether this is good or bad news is uncertain. Even if it should be necessary and possible in coming decades to restrict the increase of carbon dioxide by constraining the use of fossil fuel, it may still be necessary to restrict methane increases by modifying agricultural practices.

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# PRESENTER OF GLOOM

Mr John Birt is journalism's Jeremiah. Just as the Old Testament prophet warned of Jerusalem's enslavement unless it obeyed his commands and followed the way of truth, so the prophet of the television age sees a stark choice ahead for his own spiritual home.

Unless journalists become less intrusive upon other people's privacy, more ready to correct their own errors, less willing to grind axes, and more sensitive to the public interest, the people's representatives in Parliament are likely to find laws to force them to become so. That was the essence of his Fleming Memorial lecture, published in *The Times* this week.

Such new laws, he argues, would restrict that part of journalistic activity which is currently legitimate and should remain so. This could spell a reversal for journalists' freedoms that have been hard won over the centuries.

As an occasional warning against the dangers of individual sin, this is fine. It follows the current theme of the minatory noises arising from the middle layers of Government too. In recent years there have been a number of ill-justified outrages by editors, writers and broadcasters. Anything to discourage their repetition is to the good.

Like other prophets, however, Mr Birt may find that he places too much faith in his powers. The fact that Jeremiah got it right is no guarantee for successors. The immediate prospect of legal retribution against the media along the lines suggested by Mr Birt is slight. Those who might be tempted to this course are still far from elected office. So when this threat quickly turns out to be empty, what then? Mr Birt's own practical suggestions are not convincing.

He proposes a grand Council of the Media — "a quorum of quangoes", as he disarmingly puts it — which would harmonize questions of editorship and ethics where there was a "need" to do so. Harmony would not be the most likely result if the questions were at all substantive; a lower public esteem for press and broadcasters more likely. Such a quorum risks doing for newspapers and television stations what the TUC's squawkers and fudgers have done for trade unions.

His proposals for a strengthened voluntary Press Council ignore the biggest difficulty about such bodies — how to impose standards upon those who do not wish to accept them. The plan for legally binding contracts would, it is true, allow the council to force those who accepted its authority to publish its judgements with the prominence it thought fit. This would certainly meet a common criticism of the present council — that its judgements are not taken seriously and are published by some newspapers, only with ill grace and in positions of great obscurity.

The real question, however, is left hanging. What happens to the behaviour of those who would refuse to sign such contracts and leave the council as a result? Would they not rather be all the less restrained, and the public good (as perceived by Mr Birt, at least) thus reduced?

For the Press Council a far better future would come if it were to raise its authority by intensifying its current efforts, by attempting to woo dissenters back to its ranks, persuading, cajoling, if necessary embarrassing. That should be the job for the new chairman of the council who is shortly to be appointed.

But the detailing of a reorganized press watchdog is, in fact, something of a diversionary tactic by Mr Birt. He has a mighty task ahead of him in rooting out the systemic failings of the BBC. A sharp attack upon the broadcasters' print rivals will help win backing for these internal struggles.

It is as a television man too (a long-time inhabitant of various rather similar ivory towers) that he reveals his greatest misunderstanding of his chosen lecture topic. He seems not to acknowledge the vast diversity of the British media, and the protection which that brings.

"In the end", he says, "society always brings down what the majority regard as the over-mighty — even kings or shahs with their near absolute powers." This may seem an unexceptional statement (though *aficionados* of futurology will note the convenience for all prophets — from temple-scourge to tea-leaf reader — of the indeterminate phrase "in the end") but in this context it is misleading.

The media cannot usefully be compared to a king, a shah, or indeed any single person or thing. To do so is a travesty of the varied ownership and management, natures and outlooks, of Britain's newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. Journalistic virtues and errors are those of the good, bad, and indifferent individuals who work as journalists — and that is how they must be treated by their critics.

The philosophy of Mr Birt appears to predispose him to believe that the media has it within itself to become a tyrant. He likes a high degree of uniformity in journalistic standards. He clearly admires the major US papers which have manifestly less sensationalism and less variety too in their views of the world.

If the media were ever to become of one mind, that mind could become of a tyrannical bent. While it is of diverse minds, it cannot. Mr Birt should be more wary when he next feels like waving his big stick. In encouraging others to live up to his vision of BBC virtue he also gives succour to those who would prefer to impose a single vision of their own.

# THE LONG ROAD FROM CAMDEN

There is something immensely satisfying about a politician, especially a politician of extreme temperament given to extravagance and (publicly-financed) gesture, suddenly finding that there is a personal price to pay for platform rhetoric. The preliminary decision by the metropolitan district auditor that Labour councillors in Camden may be individually liable for the £387,000 wasted by their delaying tactics in making 1985's rate fees right.

It is a case of just deserts. Labour activists made speeches; they whipped up rent-a-crowd demonstrations outside Camden Town Hall; they shut their ears to the advice of the council treasurer and lawyers. Now, many months later, after the district auditor reviewed the voting records, and examined the accounts, he has established the bill to be paid.

The sight of Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, being confronted with the prospect of surcharge, and potentially disqualification, is especially *piquant*. Mr Fletcher has, in recent months, worn the clothes of a moderate most becomingly, talking sense about schools management and contacts with industry.

But this is the same Mr Fletcher who, in 1985, sounded very different. The greedy white collar trade unionists in Nalگو, his own

employer, were then to be palliated at every turn. The Government was to be defied; Camden was to carry its opposition to rate-capping to the ultimate. The auditor has merely reminded Mr Fletcher of his past.

A preliminary judgement against Southwark councillors has already been made. The auditor has already received money from Labour councillors in Hackney. He is still examining the record of councillors in Islington. It is all a timely reminder that political office bears a heavy responsibility. The shadow of these adjudications will serve to keep councillors, not just Labour, in a more sober frame of mind as they go about making decisions involving the voters' money.

The prospect of sobriety may also, however, put councillors off standing for office. And here is where the auditor's action may give pause for the future. The actions of the Labour left have ensured that heavy weapons have been trained on all the people who make up local councils. The predominance in town halls of those who will not even buy stationery without consulting their lawyers will hasten further the decline of local government. The road from municipal socialism may be a long one.

# NOT 1992 AND ALL THAT

Ever since William of Normandy liberated this country from the Anglo-Saxon tyranny in 1066, scholars have taken a remarkably one-eyed view of English history. Now, nearly a millennium later, a constructive effort is being made in Europe to correct this.

A proposal to be tabled at the European Parliament in Strasbourg next week, heralds the creation of Euro-history. A group of far-sighted MEPs, their gaze already fixed beyond the freer markets of 1992 to the time when the nation state is finally laid to rest, want to broaden the minds of the rising generation.

They are demanding that modern history be re-written, to put Europe in better perspective for schoolchildren — whose nationalism has previously grown unchecked. The French, the Spanish, the Dutch... are all in favour.

And why not the British too? Scholars, after all, already acknowledge that the result of the Spanish Armada was a draw — with the Spaniards having to play against the wind. Trafalgar was a minor naval skirmish, named after a well-known square in central London, while French children know that Napoleon won Waterloo — then died while on a holiday island in the Atlantic.

The First World War was a slight misunderstanding — and largely the fault of what we now call Yugoslavia. The second would have been averted if only Britain had accepted the German scheme for Europe's reunification.

This country's intransigence, encouraged by the Americans, was continued after the war by Winston Churchill (himself half-American) and Harold Macmillan — despite the hand of friendship proffered by Charles de Gaulle. It is friendship proffered by Mrs Thatcher, much the same today under Mrs Thatcher, whose attempt to undermine the Common Agricultural Policy, has resulted in Third World famine and foreign debt.

Yet, the MEPs will complain, few, if any, children in this country, whether in the public or private sector of education, are shown this clear-sighted view of their past. The fault is mainly that of William Shakespeare, the nearest English equivalent to Racine, who was commanded by Elizabeth I to re-draft history up to and including the sixteenth century. Sir Arthur Bryant, who replaced him, was also to blame.

The distortions imposed by individuals like these suggest that true wisdom will come only through re-writing by committee. That is the only way that future generations will ever appreciate the contributions made to Britain's heritage by the Italians under Caesar, the Danes under Canute, the French under William I, the Portuguese through Catherine of Braganza, the Dutch under William III and the Germans through George I. The Royal Family embodies the European Community.

The European Parliament should be encouraged, therefore, to form without delay a general committee, which would represent the collective wisdom of the EEC. Not only would each contribute his or her own national interpretation of events, but would add, like *bouquet garni*, a unique flavour to the whole.

The humility of the French, the sagacity of the Irish, the humour of the Germans, the imagination of the Dutch, the industry of the Spaniards, the efficiency of the Italians and the instinct for sensible compromise shown by Greeks, when added to the aestheticism of the British, should compile a most distinctive learned work. No people can contemplate the future with any confidence until they have secured the foundations of their past. MEPs now have the chance to shape our common destiny.

# A step up for teachers' unions

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One of the reasons the teachers' organizations have had less effect on the Education Reform Bill than might otherwise have been the case is that reasonable argument is not an activity to which they have devoted very much time in this decade, so they are out of practice.

Ten years ago, Ralf Dahrendorf used a turn of phrase which all those operating in the field of education politics ought now to adopt.

Writing to former students of the London School of Economics in his spring, 1978, newsletter, the director described himself as "a man of liberal convictions who profoundly believes in the force of argument over the argument of force".

I am convinced that most teachers in this country share that belief, and wish those leading the teachers' organizations to conduct themselves accordingly as the nineties begin to beckon.

The cause of unity will be hugely advanced by the professionalisation of the teachers' unions. Once commitment to marching behind banners and the tactics of militancy are abandoned in favour of concentration on service to members and persuasion by argument, there will be every reason for the different teachers' organizations to come together and none to keep them apart.

When there is one organization to serve and speak for teachers, a great sigh of relief will be raised by the vast majority of classroom practitioners, in which the nation as a whole will without doubt join.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER DAWSON,  
General Secretary,  
Professional Association of Teachers,  
99 Friar Gate,  
Derby,  
April 6.

# Electricity rebates

From Mr John Hannam, MP for Exeter (Conservative)  
Sir, It is a welcome news item your March 26 leader gave to British Telecom's intention to compensate customers for delayed repairs or connections.

However, I was surprised that the leader also suggested that these lessons should be absorbed for the privatisation of electricity. Similar ideas were actually pioneered by the East Midlands Electricity Board and their application to the whole industry after privatisation was announced by Cecil Parkinson at the last Conservative Party Conference. They were also set out in the White Paper, "Privatising Electricity", on February 25.

The White Paper and the proposals for customer rights have, in fact, been widely welcomed but particularly by the national Electricity Consumers' Council. Yours sincerely,  
JOHN HANNAM (Chairman, Conservative Backbench Energy Committee),  
House of Commons.

# Victorian values

From Mr William Cash, MP for Stafford (Conservative)  
Sir, The Master of St Catharine's, Cambridge (March 31) takes the Abbey National to task for abandoning its Victorian past.

As a direct descendant of William Cash, who with his cousin John Bright, MP, played a crucial role in the foundation of the Abbey National, I recall that they also espoused free trade and competition — "values which shaped social progress and economic success in Victorian Britain".

These are vital in the run-up to 1992 and the Abbey National, to survive and prosper, will be in an increasingly competitive free market for money. They will also be adding to the nine million shareholders of 1988 and will bring with them the ethical principles which their founders stood for. I think they would approve.

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WILLIAM CASH,  
House of Commons,  
April 4.

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about televising live proceedings and it may be that the balance between open justice and interference with the business of the courts tilts against it. The Criminal Bar Association's study will give us all a chance to clear our thinking on the question.

But if the argument does go that way let it not be on specious grounds. Television journalists are no less skilled or scrupulous than their newspaper counterparts in the editing techniques required to ensure a fair and accurate report of proceedings. Recent trials have even offered a few examples suggesting forcibly to the contrary when it comes to the popular press.

Television cannot any longer be patronised by the judges as mere entertainment. It is the single most important source of information about the world they live in for a majority of the British people and if the courts of the land are to be "open to every subject of the king" we have to find a way of communicating the detail of those courts' proceedings on television — whether by cameras turning in court rooms or not.

Yours,  
LIZ FORGAN,  
(Deputy Director of Programmes),  
Channel 4 Television,  
60 Charlotte Street, W1,  
April 7.

# Bishop and sin

From Mr Peter Cotes  
Sir, Is it so wrong for the Bishop of Durham to be concerned with sin (report, April 4; letters, April 6 and 8)? According to my Oxford Dictionary "sinfulness" is a form of wickedness. And a further description for wicked is *immoral*.

Dr Jenkins is properly concerned with morality. The Government constantly reads the riot act to the Church. Why wonder, then, if men of conscience sometimes (in the bishop's case, often), remind them that they do not suit their own actions to their words, nor their words to their actions?

Yours faithfully,  
PETER COTES,  
Savage Club,  
9 Fitzmaurice Place,  
Berkeley Square, W1,  
April 4.

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From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for Cambridgeshire South West (Conservative)  
Sir, The predictable political utterances of the Bishop of Durham are not surprising. The prominence with which they are publicised is the socialist sentiments of his Lordship are usually better expressed by the ordinary, but more knowledgeable, Labour backbencher.

It is not time that the press and media gave the same weight to the views of the bishop on politics as they give to mine on religion? For that is precisely what they are worth — no more and no less.

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# Black recruits in the Forces

From Mr Garry Burton  
Sir, I am a black West Indian who served for nine years in the British Army with no untoward racial experiences or barriers to training, entitlements or promotion. I left in 1965 only because I wished to take a university degree. I had reached substantive senior NCO rank.

My support for ethnic monitoring of jobs and promotion prospects in the Armed Forces (report, March 28; leading article, April 5) comes, therefore, not from personal experiences of barriers during my Army career, but from a good officer's principle that the men and women must not only sense your fairness, they must see it practically applied.

Any unit of the Armed Forces can be badly run at any or several levels. When this happens, an unproductive build-up of bad feeling and bad relationships can seriously block the unit's effectiveness of line response in peace or in war.

Positive and explicit monitoring of promotion and job prospects for all serving soldiers can enhance morale. This will not replace the very necessary screening for specialisms and promotion that is the basis of personnel selection, but there ought to be palpable equality of access to the screening process which should itself only comprise of relevant criteria and objective procedures.

Yours faithfully,  
GARRY BURTON,  
14 Leyburn Road,  
Upper Edmonton, N15,  
April 5.

# ON THIS DAY

APRIL 9 1951

The Grand National winner, trained by T. R. Rimmel, was ridden by J. Bullock who had served with an airborne division in the war and was taken prisoner at Arrahem. Nickel Coin started at 40/1; Arctic Gold was favourite at 5/1.

RACING  
NICKEL COIN WINS GRAND NATIONAL

ONLY THREE FINISH

From Our Racing Correspondent  
Mr. J. Boyle's Nickel Coin, ridden by J. Bullock and trained by J. O'Donoghue, won the Grand National at Aintree on Saturday by six lengths from Mrs. M. H. Keogh's Royal Tan, with Mr. P. Digney's Derriestown a remounted third. It was an even more astounding and disastrous race than when Tipperary Tim won in 1928.

We could hardly believe our eyes when only five out of the 33 runners passed the stands at the end of the first circuit with all the cream and aristocracy of the steeplechasing world on the ground behind them. Rain during the preceding night followed by showers had softened the going considerably, but it was by no means bad. A smoky haze over the course had lifted just before the race giving the best of visibility, and so far as one can judge the fences seemed no stronger than usual. Yet the field went down like nippingas. Eleven disappeared at the first fence. An unusually early start may have contributed to their downfall. Some of the jockeys appeared to be still circling into positions when the tapes went up. They went away in much less of a line than usual...

Arctic Gold now had the racecourse nearly to himself. He was striking along on his bit with only a handful of pursuers. For a young horse the worst of all the Grand National jumps is the Canal Turn fence. He has to face a sea of shouting, gesticulating human beings drawn up ahead of him across his path, and his attention is more than liable to wander. Last year Angel Fire fell here late here, and now it was Arctic Gold's turn. He failed to measure his distance correctly and fell. Cloncarraig, coming up from behind, was hampered by a loose horse and fell also. Prince Brownie and Gler Fire added to the number. The 196-1 grey, Caesars' Wife, was now left out in front — but not for long...

THE LAST FIVE

The five still left on their feet as they passed the halfway mark were Gay Heather, Nickel Coin, Royal Tan, Derriestown, and Broomfield... The average price of the five before had worked out at 45-1...

Then the great race for home over the last seven jumps began between Nickel Coin and Royal Tan. They came on together, and none of us on the top of the stands could make our minds up which was going the better. They jumped about level at the last fence but one, and level again at the final one. But here Royal Tan made a terrible mistake. He hit it about halfway up, and it was a miracle that he did not fall. This decided the issue. Nickel Coin jumped it as cleanly as she had done all the rest, and away she went with a clear lead...

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### COURT CIRCULAR

**WINDSOR CASTLE**  
April 8: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council of St George's House, this evening attended the 1988 St George's House Annual Lecture given by The Princess Royal at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The Princess Royal this evening gave the 1988 Annual Lecture at St George's Chapel, Windsor, entitled "Is All Charity Aid?"

**YORK HOUSE**  
April 8: The Duke of Kent this morning took the Salute at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Page.

### Royal engagements

**TODAY:** The Princess Royal will arrive at Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside, at 11.45, and will travel a stime to Red Run at 1.15 to celebrate the 150th running of the Grand National at Aintree and will present the trophy to the winner of the 1988 Grand National.

**TOMORROW:** Prince Edward will attend the King's Head Theatre Royal, Colchester, for a performance at Sadler's Wells at 7.20 to launch the club's appeal.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a memorial concert for Jacqueline Du Pré in Norwich Cathedral at 2.50.

### Appointments

Mr John Hayter, the Hon Christopher Monckton, Lord Newall, Mrs Dorothy Edwards, Viscount Siles and Mr Thomas Walford to be Deputy Lieutenants of Greater London.

## Albert Friedlander

# Expression of joy and gratitude

Tomorrow, there will be bread again in all Jewish homes. Throughout the Passover, Jews are urged to keep their homes free from leaven and to eat only matzah, unleavened bread, the "bread of affliction" of the Bible which reminds each generation of the Exodus from Egypt.

Passover ended last night in Israel; but the sages enjoined an extra day for each festival, to be observed by Jews living in the Diaspora outside the Holy Land. Progressive communities do not observe the extra days; but there is still some reluctance to eat bread until one is well outside the Passover season.

During the Passover season, the home becomes the centre of religious life, even though the festive services in the synagogue are well attended. Families are reunited: the first evening of Passover is the time of the Seder, the ritual meal led by the head of the household where the wine, the unleavened bread, bitter herbs and other symbolic objects are discussed at great length.

The prayers remind the family that "it is incumbent for every person to say: 'I personally was brought out of Egypt, and I celebrate this Passover because God saved me!'"

In a time where there are many encroachments upon freedom, Passover becomes an expression of joy and gratitude which becomes a happy experience with unique qualities. One is reluctant to let go of it.

Festivals do come to an end; and times of sadness follow days of exultation. Ritual is frozen theology which only comes to life when actual devotion and personal commitment by the worshipper turn the text and ceremony into a personal experience. "I was brought out of Egypt", says the Jew on the first day; and many of us who came out of the much darker Egypt that was Nazi Germany say this with the deepest conviction and the most profound gratitude.

This morning, Jews all over the world will sing the song of the children of

Israel who stood at the shore of the sea and saw the waters destroy their pursuers and ensure their escape: (Exodus 15).

*I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously:*

*The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

*The Lord is my strength and song, and he became my salvation...*

*Who is like unto Thee, O Lord among the mighty?*

The rabbinic commentary reminds us that there is no joy without sadness. On the first night of Passover, the 10 plagues which befell Egypt at the time of the exodus are recited and a drop of wine is removed from the ritual cup of joy with the mention of each plague as a sign of grief: how can one fully rejoice when others suffer? On the last day of Passover, when the Song of the Sea is sung, the rabbis add this commentary:

*"When the children of Israel stood at the shore of the sea and sang 'Who is like unto Thee, O Lord,' the heavenly choir of angels joined in that song. God rejoiced them, and they stopped in amazement. 'Why should we not sing?' they asked. 'Look! Your children have escaped across the sea, and they praise you for saving them!' That is true, said God. 'My children of Israel now rejoice in their freedom. But are not the Egyptians my children as well? And are they not drowning in the sea? It is a time of grief as well as for rejoicing."*

Religious insights here try to move from the particular to the universal. They do not always succeed in overcoming the natural self-assertions of the individual celebrating a moment of personal triumph; but they serve as a reminder that individuals do not live in isolation.

It is at least the hope of religion that those who experience joy will want to share it, and that those who endure suffering learn to recognize the signs in

others. Often, external patterns bring suffering to opposing sides, as one can see so clearly in Northern Ireland as well as in the Near East.

On a recent visit to Israel, I found much compassion and understanding for the suffering of the Palestinians among the Israelis, together with a desperate search for a political solution which would ensure security and free development to both sides. Before that can happen, religious insights on both sides must overcome the militancy and hatred which surrounds Israel on all sides.

The prophets dreamed of a time when a covenant of peace would unite all of the warring factions - Egypt and Israel, Ishmael and Jacob - in a messianic age of golden peace. It is a theme which is central to Passover, and in the heart of Christianity's vision at Easter. And it is very far away.

Having celebrated the Passover, the Israelites plunged into the desert, moving into a period of hardship and suffering. Again, the Jewish religious calendar tries to recapture historic experiences. The seven weeks between Passover and the Feast of Weeks - Shavuot or Pentecost - are the period of the Omer, a muted season during which no marriages are celebrated and a more sombre mood prevails.

Many of the historic memories of Jewish ritual were created during the time of the Romans by the rabbis. They state that at the beginning of the second century many thousands of disciples of the great rabbi Akiva died of an illness (some view this as a disguised memorial to the rebels killed by the Romans).

The 33rd day, Lag Ba-Omer, breaks the sad mood; and the count climaxes on Shavuot, the time of the Giving of the Ten Commandments. Meanwhile, we must keep counting towards the messianic time, the time of freedom for all who are oppressed.

Rabbi Albert H. Friedlander is Dean of Leo Baeck College and Rabbi of Westminster Synagogue.

## OBITUARY

# MR FREDERICK FENNING

### Pioneer of nuclear reactor technology

Mr Frederick Fenning, atomic physicist, who died on April 5, aged 68, was leader of the ZEEP reactor at Chalk River.

With the end of the war he returned to the newly set up research establishment at Harwell, where he quickly established himself as an authority on thermal reactors. Initially he was primarily concerned with exponential experiments and, indeed, was responsible for the first experiment started at Harwell - the water-cooled exponential lattice.

He was closely involved in the design of all the early UK reactors; his rightful insistence on hollow fuel elements for DIDO and PLUTO at Harwell will not be forgotten. He was less noted for his ability as a scientist than for his outstanding ability as an experimentalist, which enabled designs which were simple yet effective to be developed with remarkable speed.

He then led a group undertaking experimental and theoretical studies of slow neutron reactors. With the formation of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) in 1954 he remained at Harwell as head of

work for heavy water reactors and played a major role in starting up the ZEEP reactor at Chalk River.

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## BISHOP STANLEY PICKARD

The Right Rev Stanley Pickard, CBE, a former Bishop of Lombombo - possibly one of the least known but certainly one of the most interesting dioceses of the Anglican Communion in Africa - has died at the age of 77.

During his bishopric - from 1958 to 1968 - the diocese lay within the then Portuguese colony of Mozambique. Of a population of seven millions, less than one million were Christians, and of these Anglicans were a small minority of 40,000 adherents.

Pickard coped manfully with the problems of his diocese, not least the problems of manpower and finance. Towards the end of his tenure, however, he was able to report an increase in African clergy, an improvement in both church attendance and giving, and in the number of confirmation candidates.

On the ecumenical front, an improvement in relations with other churches, and in

particular with Roman Catholics, was also evident.

Stanley Chapman Pickard was born on July 4, 1910, and educated at Birmingham Grammar School. It was as a young pharmaceutical chemist that he approached the Universities Mission to Central Africa with a view to volunteering for missionary work overseas. Accepted, he almost immediately entered Dorchester Missionary College for training.

Ordained deacon in 1937, he served for two years as curate of St Catherine's, New Cross, before going overseas in 1939 to serve at Koto Kota, Nyassaland (now, Malawi).

Nine years at Likoma followed, and then came the appointment as priest-in-charge of Mzimba in 1949, which was combined with the office of Archdeacon of Mzimba, until 1958.

Pickard's travels in Lobombo were lightened with the consecration of the Rev Daniel de Pina Cabral, a priest of the Lusitanian Church of Portugal and a Doctor of Law.

In 1968 he resigned to become provincial executive officer of the Province of South Africa and an assistant bishop of Johannesburg, which position he held until 1983.

Soon after, he returned to England and to the diocese of Worcester as an assistant bishop, latterly residing with The Beauchamps Community, near Malvern.

He was unmarried.

## DR ROGER COWLEY

The Rev Dr Roger Cowley, who died on April 5, at the age of 48, had established in his short life a unique reputation in Ethiopian and Semitic scholarship, all the more remarkable for his never having enjoyed the security of a university base for his research.

Much of his career was spent in Ethiopia, where he went, shortly after leaving Cambridge, with the Church's Mission to the Jews. While carrying out his missionary duties, he achieved a command of the Amharic and Tigrinya languages and cultures.

He produced two important books and scores of learned monographs and articles, largely concerned with his discovery of the hitherto unknown genre of Ethiopic Bible commentaries. *The Traditional Interpretation of the*

*Apocalypse of St John in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church* appeared in 1983.

His service in Ethiopia was cut short by the troubles that followed the fall of Haile Selassie in 1974. Ordained in Egypt in 1976, he moved on to Jerusalem (where he mastered Hebrew). He returned to England to join the faculty of the Oak Hill College in North London.

He is survived by his wife and two children. *Professor Edward Ullendorff writes:*

Roger Cowley belonged to that diminishing species of private scholars who make profound and significant contributions, universally acclaimed, to a neglected branch of study, although his daily life, as teacher and preacher, required of him eminently practical ways of earning his livelihood.

the Thermal Reactors Group.

In 1958 he was appointed chief physicist in the R.E.3 branch of the UKAEA's industrial group at Risley, where he subsequently became director of reactor technology.

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## Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J.C. Faber and Miss S.E. Gilbert  
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Julian and Lady Caroline Faber, of 3 Chester Square, London, SW1, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.J. Gilbert, of Yelverton, Devon.

Mr D.C.M. Auld and Miss L.B.M. Gough  
The engagement is announced between David Charles Manson, only son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Auld, of Lamp House, Fortpatrick, Wigtonshire, and Isabelle Barbara Marie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gough, of Cadogan Mansions, Sloane Square, London, SW1.

Mr S.J. Everett and Miss A.L. Redfern  
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Everett, of Winkfield, Berkshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs G.B. Redfern, of Marden, Kent, and Hong Kong.

Mr D.C. Glover and Miss E.C. Howard  
The engagement is announced between David Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Glover, of Doncaster, Yorkshire, and Emma Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Newell Howard, of Ackleton, Shropshire.

Mr M.R. Lewis and Miss S.J. Newstead  
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of the late Raymond Lewis and of Mrs June Lewis, of Wandsworth, south-west London, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Newstead, of Kent.

Mr K.R. Nutt and Miss A. Mithal  
The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Nutt, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Amlia, daughter of Dr and Mrs Arvind Mithal, of Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

Mr J.V. Monckton and Miss H. Tashli  
The engagement is announced between John Victor, only son of Mr John Monckton and the late Mrs Monckton, of Masticot, Kent, and Homayra, daughter of the late Mr Farrukh Khan Taslimi and Mrs Taslimi, of Paris.

Mr G.E. Morris and Dr K.E.A. Nicholson  
The engagement is announced between Gareth, son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Morris, of Biddenham, Bedfordshire, and Kathryn, daughter of Dr and Mrs P.A. Nicholson, of Barrington, Illinois, United States.

Mr S.R.G. Ridgeway and Miss D. Sanders  
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Lieutenant Commander T.C. Ridgeway, RN, of Higher Hill, Hittesleigh, and Mrs Jane Ritsley-Frithard, of South Kensington, London, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil Sanders, of Hackets, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.D. Small and Miss S.E. Weat  
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Small, of Iford, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Weat, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr E.L. St. Clair and Miss R.F. Barker  
The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm St. Clair, of Long Newton Priory, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Raffaella, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Barker, of Binny House, Interingham, Norfolk.

Mr D.M. Sore and Miss J.E. Hay  
The engagement is announced between Darrin Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sore, of Chalton, Caterham, Surrey, and Julie Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hay, of Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Lieutenant J.M. Warden, RN and Dr T.C.B. von Goetz  
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs John Warden, of Orpington, Kent, and Therese, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard von Goetz, of Newport-on-Tay, Fife.

Mr S.R. Watts and Miss M.L. French  
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Watts, of Ribchester, Lancashire, and Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.E. French, of Horwchurch, Essex.

**Marriage**  
Mr B.J. Chester-Master and Miss V.C. Broadbent  
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 2, at the Church of Our Lady, Warrford, between Mr Benedict Chester-Master, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Chester-Master, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Miss Vanessa Broadbent, daughter of Captain and Mrs Peter Broadbent, of Warrford, Hampshire. The Rev Kenneth Willis officiated. The bride was attended by Susanna Kitzing and George Brooksbank. Mr Jeremy Charles-Jones was best man.

**Service dinner**  
Royal Regiment of Fusiliers  
Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Reilly, Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, presided at the annual dinner of the Sixth Foot Dinner Club held last night at the Shire Hall, Warwick.

**1948 Brigade Squad**  
The 1948 Brigade Squad will hold its fortieth anniversary reunion dinner in Wells this evening. The Dean of Wells, the Very Rev Patrick Mitchell, will preside.



Portrait of a Man, by the Master of Flemalle: The style of the work suggests that the artist is in fact Robert Campin (1380-1444), the teacher of both Roger van der Weyden and Jacques Daret.

The sitter has been identified from the supposed resemblance with another portrait as Robert de Massines, a Knight of the Golden Fleece, who died at the siege of Bourguines in 1430. The exhibition catalogue points out that it is a notable feature of this portrait that it is still in its original frame. The Thyssen-Bornemisze Collection of Old Masters is at the Royal Academy until June 12.

## Anniversaries

**Today**  
BIRTHS: James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate son of Charles II, Rotterdam, 1649; Isambard Kingdom Brunel, executed Florentine, Germany, 1945; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Phoenix, Arizona, 1959.

**Tomorrow**  
BIRTHS: James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Linnithgow, 1512; Hugo Grotius, jurist, Delft, 1583; William Hazlitt, Malton, 1778; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, Nottingham, 1829; George William Russell (AE), writer, Lurgan, Co Armagh, 1867; George Arliss, actor, London, 1868.

**DEATHS:** Edward IV, reigned 1461-70, 1471-83, London, 1483; Lorenzo G Medici (The Magnificent), Careggi, Italy, 1492; Francois Rebelais, writer and physician, Paris, 1553; Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, lord chancellor 1618-21, London, 1626; Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Pre-Raphaelite poet and painter, Birlington-on-Sea, Kent, 1882; Edward

Thomas, poet, killed in action, Arras, 1917; Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, Pau, France, 1940; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Protestant theologian, executed Flossenberg, Germany, 1945; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Phoenix, Arizona, 1959.

**DEATHS:** Giovanna Arnicci, astronomer, Florence, 1863; Algernon Charles Swinburne, London, 1909; August Lumiere, pioneer of motion pictures, Lyon, 1954; Evelyn Waugh, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966. The Civil Rights Bill passed the US Senate, 1960.

**Luncheon**  
200 Club  
The 200 Club, on behalf of the London Irish Rugby Football Club, held a luncheon at the Banqueting and Conference Centre, Shoe Lane, yesterday to present the London Irish Challenge Trophy for Rugby Writers. "The Leprechaun", to Mr Rex Alston, Mr Willy Lemon, chairman of the football club, presented the trophy to the Club President-elect of the Rugby Union Writers' Club, also spoke.

**Dinners**  
Lord Mayor of Westminster  
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a dinner last night at City Hall. Among those present were: The Chinese Ambassador and Mrs J. Chen; the Hon. Rached Ghannouchi, Dr the Hon. Richard C. Hooley, Mrs J. Hooley, Mrs Sir Paul and Lady Gough, Mrs Sir Peter and Lady Gough, Mrs Sir Robert and Lady Gough, Mrs Sir John and Lady Gough, Mrs Sir James and Lady Gough, Mrs Sir John and Lady Gough, Mrs Sir James and Lady Gough.

**Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company**  
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriff and their ladies, attended a dinner given by the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company at Merchant Taylors' Hall last night. Mr E. Upton-Kemp, Master, and Mrs Upton-Kemp received the guests. The Lord Mayor, the Master, the Reater Warden and Mr D.R. Male were the speakers.

**Association of Aviation Consultants**  
Lord Brabazon of Tara, Minister for Aviation, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Association of Aviation Consultants held last night at Rules Restaurant, Dr Ian Perry, chairman, presided and received the first Sir Peter Massfield medal for outstanding achievement in British aviation on behalf of Sir Thomas Sopwith, Sir Adam Thomson and Sir Peter Massfield also spoke.

# Television Licence Fee Increase

Television licence fees were increased with effect from 1 April 1988. The new fees are £21.00 for black and white and £62.50 for colour.

Licensees who use the Direct Debit or Credit Card schemes to pay for their licence should note the following:

### Annual payments by Direct Debit or Credit Card

Your next licence will be issued at the new rate. Consequently your account will be debited with the appropriate amount on or immediately after the first day of the month following that in which your current licence expires.

### Instalment payments by Direct Debit

1. If your current licence expires at the end of March 1989 then the monthly instalments will now be 1/10 of the new fee ie £2.10 per month for a black and white licence or £6.25 per month for a colour licence.

2. If you have been paying monthly instalments towards your next licence based on the old fee, then on the last day of the month in which your current licence expires, your account will be debited with an amount equal to the difference between the old and new fees ie £3.00 for black and white or £4.50 for colour. Thereafter the monthly instalments will be based on the new fee, as in 1 above.





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PICKARD

As Bishop Suffragan of Leobombo, it was a great relief. In his report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel...

PLAY

With his fine knowledge of classical Arabic, he has written a modern Arabic play... He was announced.

MIR DESMOND MOLINS

Under the leadership of the European Communities... The Rev. Christopher J. Adams, Canon, St. George's, has been appointed to the post of Canon of the Cathedral...

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

THE GOD who held out of darkness... BIRTHS: AMY - On March 28th 1988, at St. Luke's Hospital, Clarendon, to Helen...

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

BELGIAN: Husband with experience wants to rent area in South England for foot-bath. Please write to: Mr LORGE, rue Vandervelde 57, 6218 Thimoneur, Belgium.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS WANTED: By Major Corporate User. No. 1 and Centre Court tickets required of immediate sale price with the utmost discretion please only. Free call: 0800-378353

FOR SALE: BOUTER & COOK: Chauffeur and housekeeper services provided. Personal and temporary, all references checked. Address: 120 Hill Street, London SW1A 1LN.

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Services tomorrow

First Sunday after Easter: CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 9.30 AM. Holy Communion. 11 AM. Evensong. 3.30 PM. Holy Communion.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11.30 AM. Holy Communion. 1.30 PM. Evensong. 3.30 PM. Holy Communion.

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A potter chasing perfection



Lucie Rie, aged 86, often described as the most distinguished potter working today, inspecting a vase in her workshop in Bayswater, London, where she starts work every morning at five o'clock (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Severino Ballesteros, golfer, 31; Mr Justice Simon Brown, 51; Sir Brian Cubbon, civil servant, 60; Mr Antal Dorati, composer and conductor, 82; the Most Rev Domenico Enrico, former Apostolic Nuncio, 79; Lord Fil, 62; Senator William Whitlam, Fulbright, American politician, 83; Miss Hannah Gordon, 39; Dr G.J. Hills, Director and Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University, 62; Mr Tom Jackson, trades unionist, 63; Mr Alan Knott, cricketer, 42; Mr Tom Lehrer, lecturer and songwriter, 60; Mr Peter Moores, former chairman, Littlewoods Organisation, 56; Mr Vincent O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 71; Sir Michael Palisser, former Head of the Diplomatic Service, 66; Mr Michael Somers, CH, first Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, 52; Professor D.M. Walker, QC, 68; Sir Richard Young, former chairman, Boosey and Hawkes, 74.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Base Rate. The Royal Bank of Scotland plc announces that with effect from close of business on 11 April 1988 its Base Rate for advances will be reduced from 8 1/2% to 8% per annum.

Latest wills: Vice-Admiral Sir John Wilson Cathbert, of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire, a deputy lieutenant for that county, left estate valued at £236,606 net. Linda Margaret Williams, of Branksome Park, Dorset, left estate valued at £143,330 net. She left the entire amount to the Bournemouth branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Mr Richard Hugh Mills-Owens, of Hangersley, Ringwood, Hampshire, Chief Justice of Fiji 1967-71, left estate valued at £195,124 net. Miss Rosemary Rooke, of Washwater, Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £595,007 net. After various bequests she left the residue to Newbury Hospital. Mr Herbert Sidney Taylor, of Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £406,135 net.











Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

TRAVEL 1

For ski addicts, only

The Rockies are getting nearer

Even at the height of mid-summer the slopes can still hold their lure, reports Peter Hardy...

There is something wickedly decadent about elbowing a path through the Saturday morning crowds at Gatwick with a couple of pairs of skis over your shoulder...

If, like me, you shiver at the prospect of yet another ritual pilgrimage to overbooked Greece, or the overcrowded beaches of Iberia, where you wander in search of something — anything — to do after only 48 hours, then summer skiing could be for you.

There are at least 10 glacier resorts in Europe which offer good skiing for 12 months of the year.

There is too, of course, also the southern hemisphere for those whose obsession with skiing outweighs financial caution. When our winter season draws to a close, the snows are only beginning to arrive in South America, New Zealand, and in Australia.

Bariloche in Argentina offers excellent skiing from June onwards. The southern Andes look much like the Swiss Alps — fir trees, waterfalls, rustic buildings and all. It is sometimes difficult to imagine you are so many thousands of miles from a Geneva Festival jam.

New Zealand offers, perhaps, some of the best skiing in the world. It is simply a question of who is prepared to go to the end of the world to experience it. Mount Cook is now the subject of a serious development programme, and it has the potential to become a major ski resort — a kind of southern hemisphere Chamonix. Hiking is growing in popularity and the virgin powder slopes are possibly without equal anywhere.

But you do not have to travel across the equator to experience out-of-season skiing. Europe has its own excellent resorts which function even when the tabloid headlines are ticking off the sunstroke cases in Greece.

The Stubaai glacier above Innsbruck has the most extensive facilities and as many runs open in July as many a small winter resort. Although you will be likely to find professionals like Martin Bell and



Far from the boredom of the beaches, the thrills of the piste... followed by a bask in the summer sun at one of Europe's all-year-round ski resorts

other Ski Sunday racers training on the mountain, summer skiing is not only for experts.

Do not be put off by the word "glacier" which we tend to associate with K2 and the North Face of Mount Everest. You will not disappear down a crevasse unless you are foolish enough to strike out from the piste without a qualified local guide. Many of the runs are gentle enough for beginners and for the less experienced intermediate, but the Stubaai also has summer pistes tricky enough to test the skills of the really advanced.

From Skishop 2000 at the top of the two-stage Mutterberg lift you can hire everything necessary from skis, boots, and poles, to ski suit and gloves. All the major glacier resorts offer ski school lessons.

Down in the valley in the village of Neustift your day begins early. You feel decidedly weird clomping down the dusty road from your hotel in ski boots and anorak past rich green meadows splashed with every hue of alpine flower.

The lifts open at 8.00am, and it is wise to board the gondola as soon as it starts to run. The skiing day is short in midsummer because in warmer weather the snow becomes too soft for pleasure skiing by early afternoon.

Up on top it can be as hot as on any Spanish beach. By 11am, the sunbathers in the deckchairs outside the Panorama Restaurant have stripped off to reveal swimsuits and bikinis beneath their skisuits.

It can, however, snow in even July or August. It is always wise to be prepared for a chilly day on the mountain even if it is as hot as the South of France at breakfast time on your hotel patio.

As in winter it is advisable to wear several thin layers of clothing rather than one thick one. You can then take off, or put on, whatever you require as the temperature fluctuates during the course of the day. It is sensible to take a small rucksack in which to carry the excess.

By lunchtime the summer snow which started the day hard and icy has turned to the consistency of a champagne sorbet too long out of the fridge. Then it is time to retire to the terrace of a mountain restaurant for a long lunch.

Outside a fleet of £100,000 piste-bashing machines are already hard at work preparing the slopes for the following day. With the help of the dramatic fall in temperature each evening to well below zero the snow

is remarkably reconstituted daily for the next batch of skiers.

The Stubaai glacier claims to be Europe's biggest summer ski area, but also in Austria there are all-year resorts at Hintersee, Solden, and Kaprun.

Switzerland offers Saas Fe and Zermatt, and in France you can ski at Les Deux Alpes, Alpe d'Huez, and Tignes. In Italy there is also good summer skiing to be had in Cervinia.

Alpine Tours of Ashford, Kent (0233 54302) are the summer ski specialists for Austria. They also offer one-week race training or free-style courses which add excitement to your holiday. You do not have to be a budding racer — just an intermediate who wants to get off the intermediate plateau where most recreational skiers stay forever. Go Ski, part of Summed Holidays and one of the most interesting tour operators in France specializes in Les Deux Alpes (01-699 7666). For Acosta Valley and Cervinia, contact the Italian State Tourist Office (01-408 1254). Other useful numbers: Austrian National Tourist Office (01-629 0461); Swiss Tourist Office (01-734 1921); French Tourist Office (01-499 8971); For the Southern Hemisphere contact the Ski Club of Great Britain (01-245 1033).

TRAVEL NEWS

A new liberalized air agreement will produce a major expansion of scheduled services between the UK and Canada this summer.

The Canadian airline Wardair (0345 222333) is converting its long-standing programme of charter flights out of the UK into a scheduled operation, with daily services from Gatwick to both Toronto and Vancouver, as well as direct flights to Toronto from provincial points such as Cardiff, Newcastle and Birmingham.

Another Canadian carrier, National (0444 415551), is introducing scheduled services from Gatwick to Hamilton, near Toronto, in May and is offering a special £190 return fare for all departures next month.

Air Canada (01 759 2636) will operate 14 flights a week from Heathrow to Toronto and has a special Super Apex fare of £229 return on one weekly service compared with the normal £279.

lectures by the television nationalist Tony Sopr. Information: Thurlstone Hotel (0548 560382).

Holidayline, a new telephone booking service operated by the Pickfords Travel group, claims to be able to better the current range of discounts on summer package holidays by at least 20% on bookings made before April 30. The service (01 366 6355) operates between 9am and 7pm Mondays to Fridays, and between 9am and 5pm on Saturdays.

Southern comfort

A new low-cost air route to the south of France starts on April 20 when Euro Express introduces the only charter service from the UK to Marseille, with weekly departures on Britannia Airways from Gatwick. Fares range between £99 and £135 return and accommodation packages are also available. Information: 0444 340566.

Philip Ray

TRAVEL BOOKS

London - Louise Nicholson's 'Delighting Guide' (The Bodley Head, £5.95), published on Thursday, is subtitled 'The essential manual for everyone visiting or living in London'. A formidable self-endorsement, but not far off the mark. There is a wealth of facts about how to get the most out of the city, from accommodation and baby-sitters to a month-by-month guide to events and what to do when it rains. On top of all that, there are a dozen walks given in long and lively detail. Use it on your next day off.

A rash of tourist guides has appeared on Turkey, but R.A. Butler's 'Where to Go in Turkey' (Settle Press, £6.99 paperback, £12.50 hardback) is better than most. There is a 'Best Resort' guide, pointing beach huns and walkers in the right directions, run-downs on the regions, and a good pot of history. The comprehensive 'Food and Wine' guide will take you through the minefield of a restaurant menu, and to finish off there is an excellent short guide to tourist Turkish.

Jenny Tabakoff

No problem

Last week's failure of the Spanish charter airline Spantax seems unlikely to pose too many problems for British holidaymakers. Spantax had only 15 flights a week out of the UK and tour operators have now managed to contract alternative flying, although there will probably be changes in timing.

Sol Holidays is laying on tours to the French Riviera next month to tie in with the Monaco Grand Prix. Departures are from Gatwick or Manchester to Nice on May 14, with prices of £299 or £317 for seven nights' half-board. Grandstand tickets for the race day cost an extra £45. Information: 01 446 8500.

Blooming idea

Visits to some of the best known National Trust gardens, in Devon are included in a five-night package starting on June 5 arranged by the trust's Devon region in conjunction with the Thurlstone Hotel, near Kingsbridge. The cost of £290 includes all tours and garden visits and there will be

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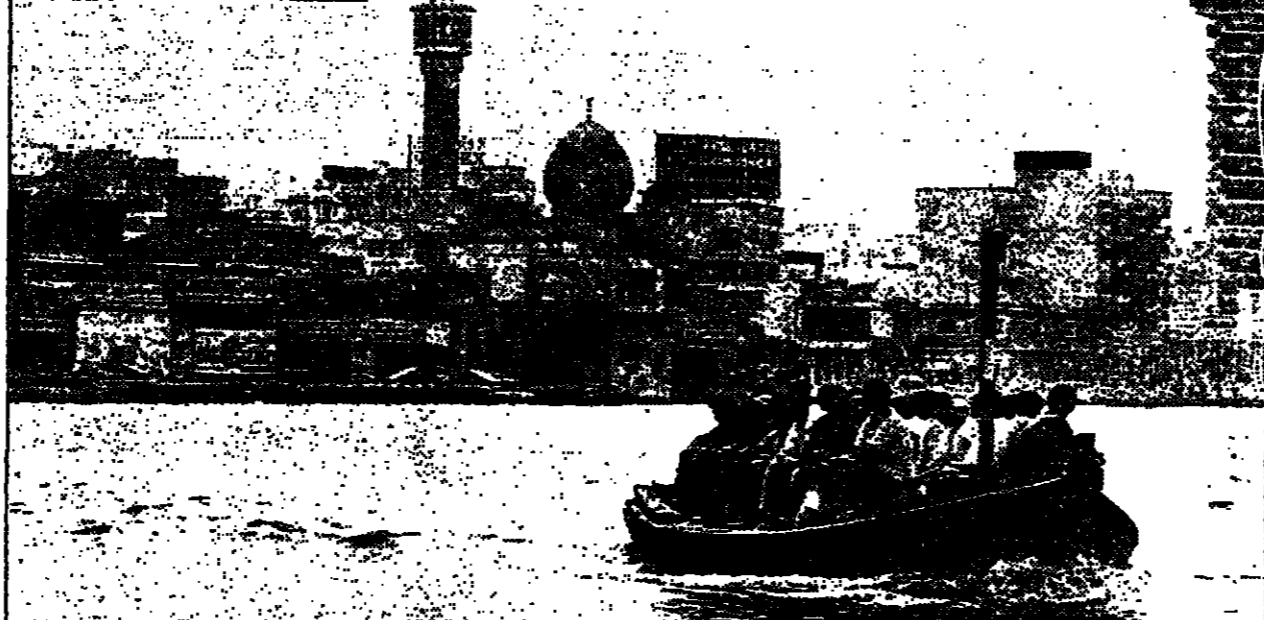
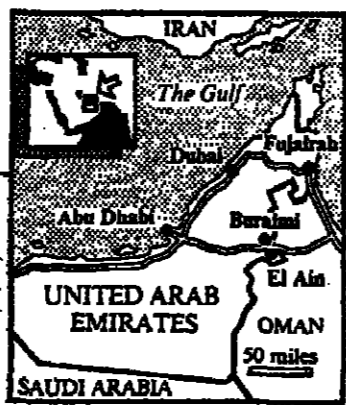
TRAVEL 2

مكازم الاصل

In Allah's kingdoms

On visiting the Arab Emirates, Michael Watkins faces death from yawning, and joins in a feast of fresh goat

STEPHEN MARKESON



Ships of the desert: A crowded river taxi, or abra, takes travellers across the Dubai creek, a young jockey waits for the start of a camel race outside the city, and (below) proud parents stroll in the sun

A Sudanese receptionist checked me into the hotel, while a Filipino carried my suitcase. In the bar I drank Dutch beer while a German maître d'hotel took my order for dinner served by an Indian. Enjoying the wine of Bordeaux, I was subjected to Simon and Garfunkel numbers sung by Mike and Julie from Sheffield. My wake-up call came from a Chinese telephonist and I drove into the city in a Japanese taxi with a Pakistani at the wheel. The riddle is: where was I?

No, not Hammersmith. Dubai - one of the seven desert sheikhdoms covering an area two-and-a-half times the size of Holland, once the backward Trucial States, now in their 16th year as a federation. Where else is the indigenous local inhabitant outnumbered six to one by expatriates? Where else is it unsurprising to see goats transported on the back seat of a showroom-fresh Mercedes? My address was the Dubai Hilton without which the streets of Dubai would be littered with corpses. Cause of death? Boredom. Transfixed by a yawn. When you've finished counting the flies, there is nothing else to save you.

In the early years of this century 6,936 pearl divers made a living from Dubai waters, then, in the 1930s, Japan captured the market with cultured pearls, leaving Dubai ignominiously shifting desert sands and to the whims of shiftless British overseers. Two things eventually happened: Britain pulled out in 1971, and the Emirates struck oil. Both were mixed blessings. Sheikh Shakhbut, the former ruler, was so apprehensive about the effect of wealth on Islamic traditions that he is said to have hoarded bank-notes in a room in his fortress until mice nibbled their way through a fortune. This aversion lost him his sheikhdom, power being transferred to his younger brother, Sheikh Zayed, architect and first president of the federation. Shakhbut, an old man, lives in the oasis of Al Ain, his three predecessors having been assisted on their journey to Allah's bosom by assassination.

I crossed and re-crossed the Dubai Creek by abra, water-taxi. It seemed a very put-together city. It didn't feel like Arabia; it didn't feel like anywhere I knew or deeply cared to know. At the Hilton beach club I heard an English company wife complaining that what she really missed was Marmite. I was taken to a dinner party given by Bill and Jean, a nice couple who had faithfully reproduced Esher in their air-conditioned, hermetically-sealed villa. Both worked long hours, six days a week. "It's all free," Bill said. "The house, car, no income-tax. We don't spend a penny of our salaries; when we've saved enough we'll go home and start something." Impulsively, an old nursery song hummed through my head: "When, little hen,

when, when, when, will you lay me an egg for my tea." The road to Abu Dhabi was strewn with wrecked cars, the landscape charred like overcooked omelette. There was nothing to stop for, to look at. The city itself was amazing. Twenty years ago the bedouin camped here, fishermen lived in tents, building dhows; today a burnished sun is refracted off marble and glass surfaces, off aluminium. It had nothing to do with the Arabian Nights. They say that Sheikh Zayed is a true bedouin, flying his hawks, riding with the best of them, joining the circle at the camp fire. Then why all this?

The why is the emergence of a welfare state of hospitals and education. The cost, unless I am wildly off the mark, is a cynical tolerance of Western ideals. Yet there are signs that the party is flagging. The petro-dollar is less shiny than it was, the Gulf War won't go away. If you look at a map you'll see that Eilat is about as far as you can get without spilling into the Sultanate of Oman. A few kilometres from the oasis town I found hundreds of fossils. We stopped at an oasis, teetering over planks above a ravine perhaps 200 feet deep. We stopped at a remote wadi, starting a fire to grill sausages, preparing to swim in chull water that tumbled from a waterfall. It was one of earth's empty quarters. From somewhere or from nowhere, three Omanis appeared dragging a goat. Saluting us, they immersed themselves in the pool, sharpening a knife. The goat bleated for a second, no longer, pumping its blood hard and rhythmically, clouding the water. The Omanis skimming the beach and inviting us to share their meal; it is the least that an Arab can offer. Since it was obviously the thing to do, I even went to the ice-rink. In this ice-rink is a door marked Praying Room. As in each Hilton room, there is a sticker with an arrow emblem pointing towards Mecca. Oh yes, we'll complete their "infrastructure", install the highest of high-tech and take good money for our pains; but we'd be suckers to think we're teaching Arabs the blindest fact of life.

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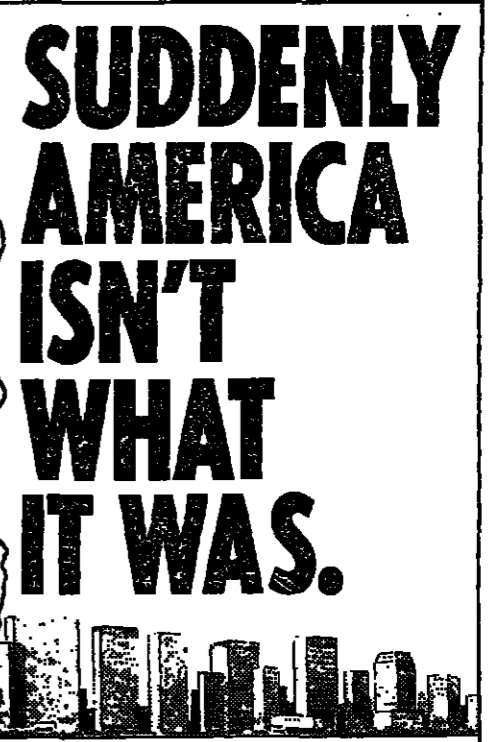
I flew from Gatwick to Dubai with British Caledonian in approximately seven hours. £1,376 first class return. Pex fares from £470 return. The journey I made, with Hilton International's assistance, was 900 kms by road. Hilton will tailor a similar seven-day trip, their Arabian Experience, for about £270 per person (excluding air fares). Enquiries from Hilton International, Sovereign House, 212-224 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EQ (01-379 4828). I would avoid self-drive: accidents are numerous, an additional hazard provided by straying camels, which are difficult to see on desert roads and in sand-storms. Best time: November to March. Summer months can be unbearably hot and humid. Israeli stamps in your passport are inadmissible to U.A.E. Immigration authorities. Tourists are not allowed to bring alcohol into the Emirates.



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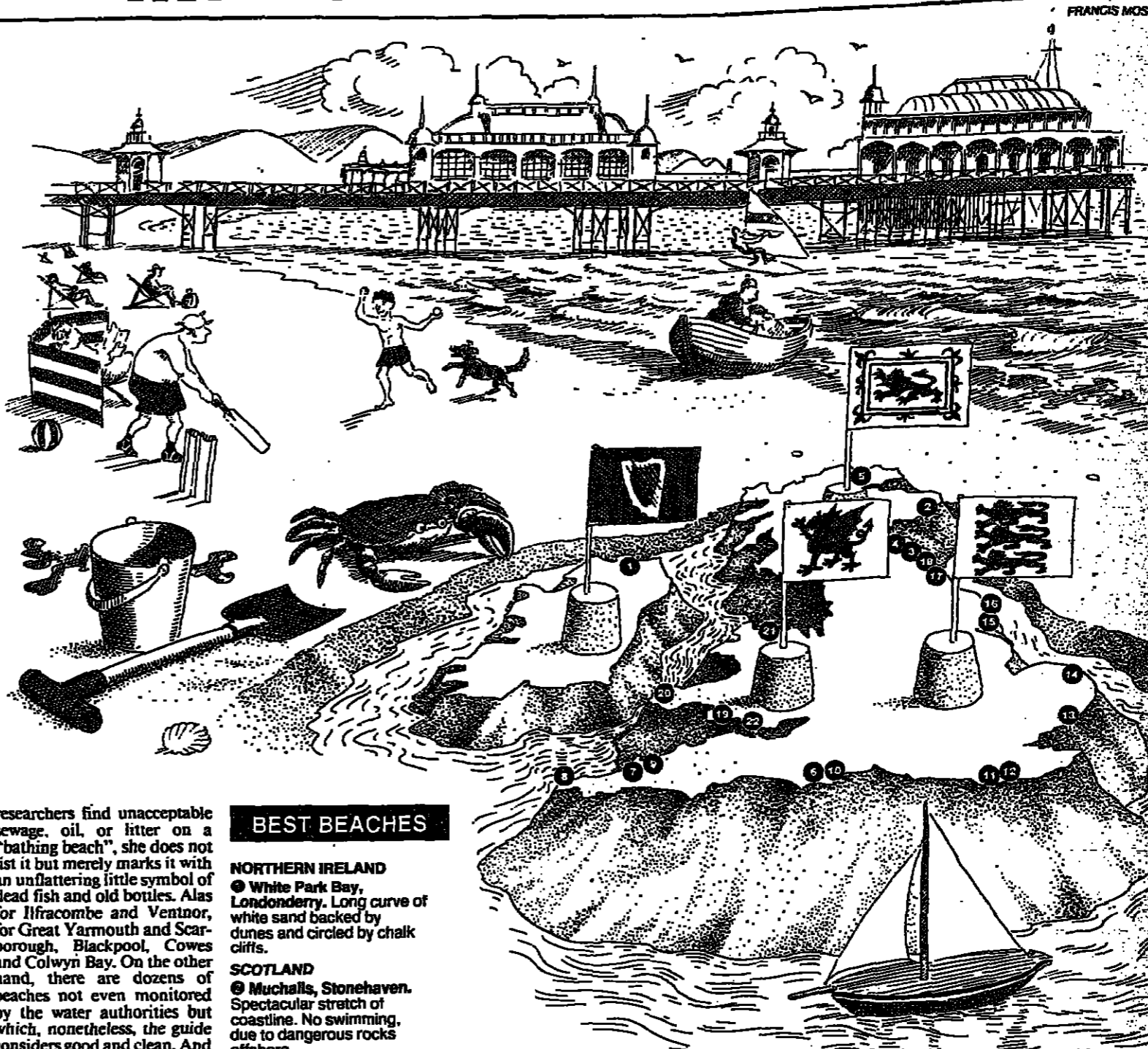
Libby Purves dips a toe into the pages of a bracing new guide to the British seaside

It seems rather sad, therefore, that increasing numbers of Britons never go anywhere near their own native sands, but pack themselves into steel tubes and fly away to nasty, gritty, tideless Mediterranean beaches.

line, managed 34. Even so, more than a third of the British beaches didn't manage to get clean enough to meet the European standard (based on frequency of faecal coliform bacteria) by the deadline of 1985.

shock. They also produce unerring evidence of marine pollution from industry and shipping: and not only in well-publicized disasters, either.

It is against this dual background of the glory, and the filth, of our coastline that a refreshing little book has just been published in aid of the Marine Conservation Society.



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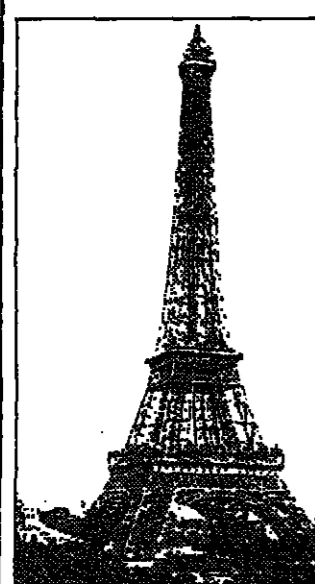
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weather alternatives. Nor are her "author recommendations" - plaques marking the very best beaches - all reserved for remote, naturalists' haunts: Bridlington is as highly praised as shingly, wild Aldeburgh or various recherche dunes in Scotland and Wales.

But perhaps the most interesting parts of the book are the regional summaries at the head of each section. In concise essays, she sets out the appeal of each area and its special problems.

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David Watts

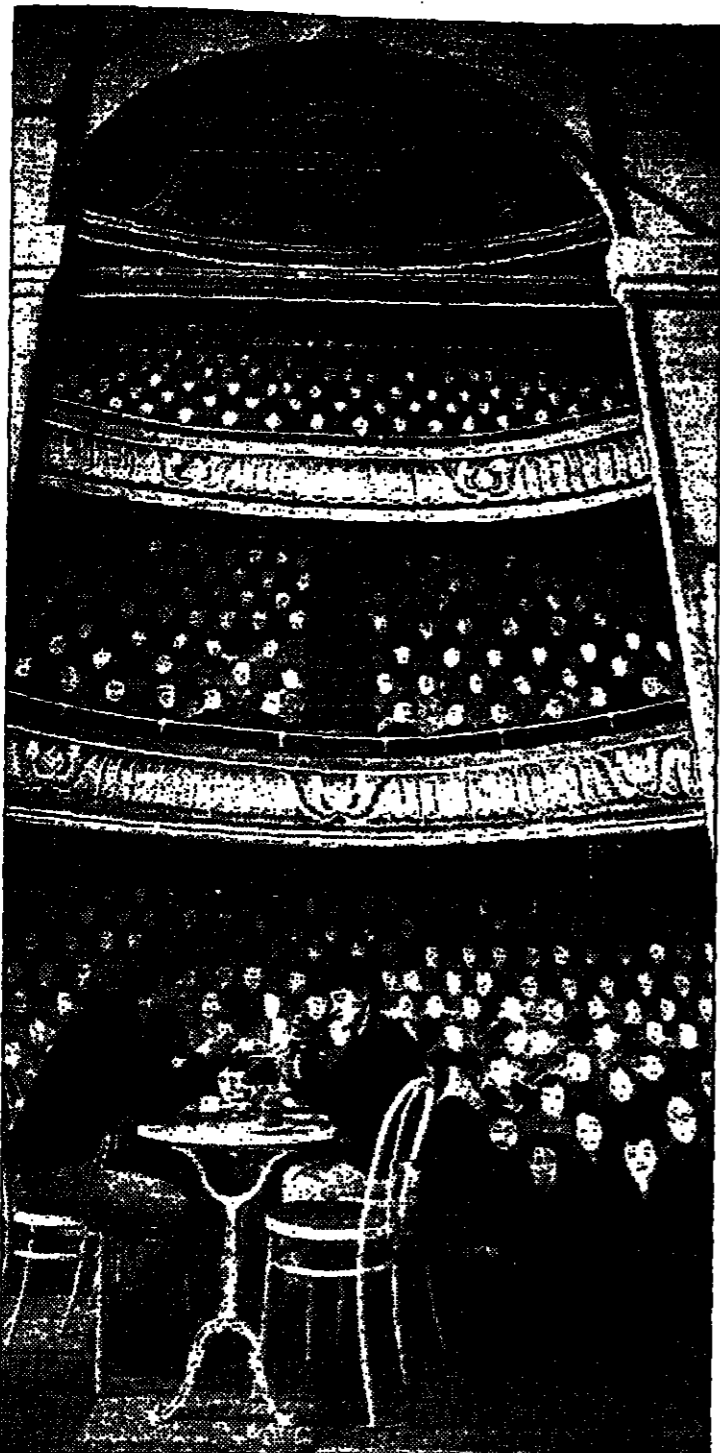
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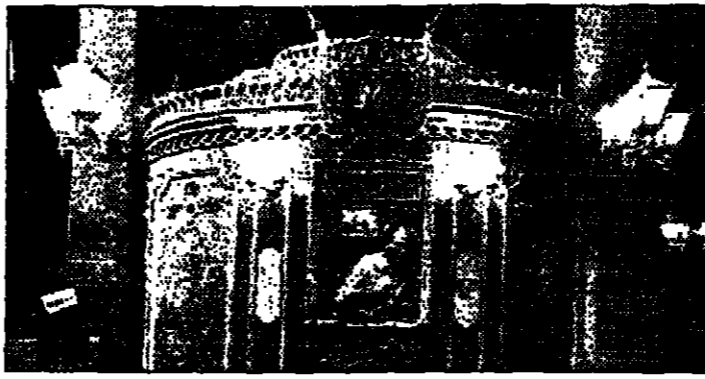
OUT AND ABOUT

With Garrick and Gielgud, this one will run and run



Interval drinks: a packed audience watches over a coffee cup drama

Nigel Andrew visits the Covent Garden Theatre Museum, overcomes his resistance, and decides to award it a round of applause



Box office: tickets for theatre present after a look at theatre past

As an inveterate hater of all things theatrical, I hardly expected to find myself visiting the Theatre Museum - still less enjoying it. But I did. Indeed, had I been a less resistant subject, I might even have bought some theatre tickets on the way out.

It opened last year on April 23, Shakespeare's supposed birthday, and it is housed in what was the flower market of Covent Garden. The Victorian interior has been transformed to give the visitor a spectacular welcome. A giant figure of an angel, made from gilded oak and rescued from its perch above the Gaiety Theatre in the Aldwych, dominates the scene, throwing out her well-formed chest and puffing into a long horn.

Beyond her, rise two splendidly ornate boxes from the Palace Theatre, Glasgow - more rescue work - and all around everything is theatrical-rococo, pink and white and gilt.

A fancy pergola rises above the café, where more than a ton of lighting equipment is poised above the scenery, and a theatre-full of painted faces gaze out at you from a somewhat unnerving mural.

"The experience of theatre" is what the museum is attempting to recreate - a difficult brief, theatre being such a dynamic and transient thing and a museum so static and permanent. The main exhibition area is downstairs - or rather

down gently sloping ramps, for this is state-of-the-art muscology. You walk first into a plush, thick-carpeted foyer with mirrors all down one wall - just like the real thing, but doubling as a picture gallery, showing some of the museum's larger and older theatrical paintings.

This is indeed the anteroom to a real theatre - the museum's very own, reconstructed in 1930s style, with 85 seats, each one sponsored. Here is a "living theatre" that can be (and is) hired for performances. Outside it stands a living red telephone box, donated by British Telecom, and destined to become a museum piece itself before long. Above this is Blondin's wheelbarrow on a length of tightrope.

The main galleries are like a kind of underground, carpeted aquarium, dimly lit but with the exhibits displayed in well-lit recesses behind glass. Theatrical lights flash the message "This Way Round" and, following their direction, you can trace the development of the theatre from the age of Shakespeare to the present day: theatre broadly defined so as to include all the performing arts except cinema and television.

Rather than display isolated objects, the museum has tended to group items in little tableaux or shrines - a "Garrick temple", a Grimaldi display (including an ingenious condiment set in the clown's likeness), Lillian Baylis's office reconstructed, a cluttered dressing room.

Many of the individual pieces are of great interest - a sword

designed by Burne-Jones for Irving's King Arthur, a mirror covered with Beerbohm Tree's make-up doodles, a waistcoat of Tom Thumb's, Sarah Siddons's dressing table, and, among the more modern exhibits, a Mick Jagger jumpsuit. This one was donated, but some of the museum's purchases in this controversial area have attracted criticism.

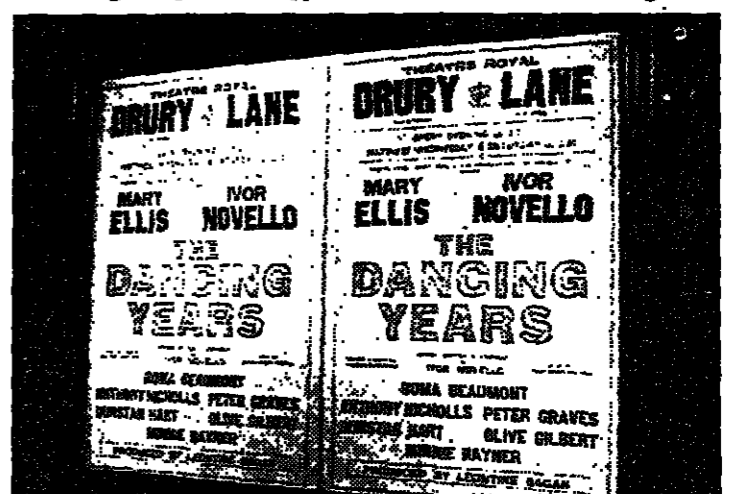
We are lucky to have this museum at all to open, rather than close, in the present climate is an achievement. The Theatre Museum, which is part of the Victoria & Albert, came into being only after many struggles and setbacks. It is an important research centre as well as a unique national collection (with 20,000 books and a vast number of programmes and play bills helping towards its total of roughly two million items).

A country so fixated on its theatrical tradition as this one, and where theatre studies are burgeoning, should have had such a museum years ago. Now we have it, it deserves to succeed. With luck, it could soon be swarming with Japanese coach parties.

The Theatre Museum, Russell St, Covent Garden, London (01-836 7891) is open every day except Mondays, 11am-7pm. Admission £2.25, children, OAPs £1.25. It is currently staging a large-scale John Gielgud exhibition (until August).



Sneak of greasepaint: the typical clutter of an actor's dressing room



Novello nostalgia: play bills are among the two million exhibits

A weekend sale for the lifeboat

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Young Friends of the City of London launch the appeal at 11am. St Paul's, Free. 21st TWENTY-FIRST MORPETH NORTHUMBRIAN GATHERING: Today is Muckle Day, with a procession of costumed horses led by the Duke of Northumberland's piper. Street dancing, clog and rapier sword dancing. Tugs of war and hill races from 1pm, singing, reciting and musical competitions. Tomorrow, exhibitions, dancing displays, films, and a Northumbrian piper's night from 7.30pm. Morpeth, main streets and

various venues, Northumberland. Today, tomorrow. Most events free, small charge for several concerts and barn dance. Further information (0670 511322). MEET THE ANIMALS: Twice daily show in the Hummingbird Amphitheatre throughout the summer season - keepers talks about their animals. London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 (01-722 3333). Daily 9am-6pm. Adult £2.50, child 5-16 £2, under five free. Judy Froshaug



WEEKEND WALK Five/Lothian Across Forth 5 miles No fields, no mud today. No escape from the hustle of traffic either. Instead, a thrilling visit to several centuries of Scotland's history. The first mile gives little hint of the joys in store, being a traverse of Inverkeithing from its station to the A90 roundabout. However, with the houses and the half-mile of hard shoulder (keep on the left of the A90) behind you, the blood is summoned up by the sight of a colossus straddling the road, shouldering (with

A bridge of sighs

his twin on the Lothian shore) the cable-held burden of the Forth Road Bridge. The view has a clutch of Kidnapped evocations: Limekilns and Carriden upstream (fronted by Rosyth Naval Dockyard), and downstream Queensferry. Centive stage, though, is that inevitable paint-devourer the Forth Bridge. At the toll-gate (no pedestrian charge) hurry down the steps and through Queensferry,

the Queen is the sainted Margaret of Scotland, to wander at the man-made hamony from the water's edge: the straight lines of the 1880s to the right, the graceful curves of the 1960s to the left. The synthesis is as beautiful as Tintern or Derwentwater. After pausing to visit another reminder of David Balfour, the Haves Inn, go under the rail bridge approach and up the steps to Dalmeida Station for the short but memorable train ride back across the Forth to Inverkeithing. Trains are frequent, but check Sunday timetables. Iain Liddell

GARDENING

How to grow and mow a meadow

CLARE ROBERTS

The subject of informal low-maintenance wild flower gardening always attracts a large postbag, mainly from people with gardens too large to manage comfortably, or from parishioners anxious about the state of their churchyards. A successful model for both is the traditional English churchyard which offers an example of attractive naturalness which, once established, can be looked after with a minimum of labour.

Not that I'm suggesting every garden needs a tomb - though since plants look so well against stonework, an alternative such as statuary or stone is very desirable. The special quality of the most beautiful churchyards grows out of a kind of management which combines natural beauty with neatness; trees and meadow-like areas of grass and flowers, offset by close-mown paths and mid-length turf with daisies and violets. The first step is to relinquish rigid ideas of a formally manicured garden with acres of bowling-green lawn and to explore an entirely different set of possibilities.

One difficulty is that years of hard mowing may have eliminated many of the nicest flowering plants from the grass. These can be restored by begging stock from local estates or gardens, or raising plants from wild flower seeds (but don't put them out in the grass until they are well grown). Snowdrops, winter aconites and lesser celandines are common in the New Year, followed by primrose and wild daffodils and lady's smock with its pink-white blooms. Native plants becoming scarce in the countryside, such as cowslips and snakeshead fritillary, thrive in churchyards and grassy gardens.

The wild beauty of the graveyard can, says Francesca Greenoak, help in the creation of a meadow garden

These plants will all have flowered by the end of May or early June, so once their foliage has died back, the spring meadow can be mown before the grasses get too tall and clumpy. (Leave the grass to dry to best-quality hay for someone with a pony.)

In case town dwellers feel left out, I should add that meadow patches, large or small, can fit quite as well into an urban context: Charles Dickens wrote an account of an old couple cutting grass for hay in a small churchyard in the City of London and I know several town houses which have made a meadow garden as part of their design. The single most important piece of equipment for a large informal meadow garden or churchyard is a mowing machine. But, beware, unwary purchasers can easily end up with something quite unsuitable. The right kind of machine can take so much of the struggle out of the job it is worth trying to identify the key points. Roughish areas of grass require a stout, easily manoeuvred machine on four wheels (without roller) which will take the bumps without coughing. You should be able to adjust easily the height of cut (ideally from about 4in/19mm to 3in/75mm). A grass cuttings box is essential because if left to lie, clippings return too much nutrient to the soil for meadow flowers to

survive. The box can be taken off when cutting the long grass. Churchyard plants especially repaying attention are those cultivated flowers planted on graves, which have become thoroughly naturalized, colonizing ground around and about them. Solomon's seal in slightly shaded conditions will do this readily and its milky bells on the leafy, arching stems are a pretty sight on a May morning.

Periwinkle of various kinds will make an evergreen sprawl beneath trees; indeed one of the best cultivars is said to have come originally from a graveside. The little pink autumn cyclamen (Cyclamen hederifolium) is one of the few plants which will do well in the shade of yews or cedars.

Sweetly scented dame's violet Hesperis matronalis and red campion are two wild flowers with a long flowering season which look well growing by paths or hedges. Sunny places call for the yellow, poppy-like greater celandine and meadow cranesbill (the native species with its clear, sky-blue flowers).

If there is a quiet out-of-the-way place (by a far hedge, perhaps) leave the grass uncut until autumn and see out the summer with the mauves and purples of scabious and knapweed. Late in the year, most of the grass should be cut back hard, to keep it neat and green through the winter and prevent small plants being swamped by coarser growth. Further information and practical leaflet from the Churchyard Conservation Project: The Arbur Rank Centre, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ (send s.ae).



- WEEKEND TIPS Work general fertilizer into herbaceous beds. Split and replant clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites to increase stock. Acclimatize seedlings of lettuces, peas and sprinch beet to outdoor conditions and begin to plant them out. Protect young seedlings with frames or cloches on heavy soils or hill areas. Sow hardy annuals in situ. frame) on heavy soil. Split and replant clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites to increase stock. Acclimatize seedlings of lettuces, peas and sprinch beet to outdoor conditions and begin to plant them out. Protect young seedlings with frames or cloches on heavy soils or hill areas. Sow hardy annuals in situ.

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# Farewell to old Bolognese

Once upon a time if you wanted to eat good, authentic Italian food, you had to fly to Milan, Bologna or Palermo. Then it became possible to find quality Italian produce, dry goods as well as spectacular salamis, hams and cheeses. And so, armed with our oily, floury copies of Ada Boni and later Marcella Hazan, we taught ourselves to make creamy risotto and passable pasta. Now there are fresh pasta shops churning it out by the metre in every shape and colour. Much more exciting though, for those lucky enough to live near them, are the authentic Italian restaurants opening up. Recently we have eaten in London a very fine seafood risotto at Carraro's, and I remember a startlingly good dish at L'Incontro, a very, very hot polenta served with a very cold cream of salt cod. All a far cry from the old spaghetti Bolognese that gave that delicious and, when properly prepared, refined dish such a bad name. And much cheaper than flying off to Milan. Well, cheaper, anyway.

Now, when birthdays come around, we have the choice of eating in or out. For Italian food is our favourite. We eat this way at least three times a week and often more — a salad, some pasta, a fish or meat dish and some fruit. Sometimes it is just salad, pasta, cheese and fruit. For special occasions, there might be a pudding. Just such an occasion, a special birthday, comes up next week, and although it is National Eating Out Week, the recipes that follow are ones that I shall probably cook. As an alternative to the rich Trapanese, I might serve peeled sliced oranges in orange juice because there are some marvellous Spanish navel oranges around at the moment.

If you cannot get good celery for the pasta sauce, then use something else, bacon, anchovies, halved olives, whatever appeals. I use celery because I have just bought, in Camden Town, the biggest head of celery I have ever seen, 3½ pounds of it, fragrant, pungent, crisp. From Italy, of course. The other ingredients in the sauce, sun-dried tomatoes, are now much more available than they were a couple of years ago. You can buy them in good Italian food shops and other delicatessens. Culiaper, the herbalist with shops in many parts of the country, sell small jars of them in olive oil for £2.95, but they also import packets from California, good value at £1.95 for 3oz/85g. A little goes a very long way, as the flavour is so concentrated. You can bottle them in olive oil yourself, and as you use up the tomatoes, you can also use the richly flavoured oil in cooking or salad dressings. The tomatoes also make an excellent addition to soups and casseroles.

French waiters, despite the spoils they turn with the good dishes, are sound. Adèle Waik Garb, an Egyptian, by an English notion of being friendly without being chummy, is a professional without being stiff. His wife Eva, who's German, once came from the ruins of a garage, and is doing, hoist a star on her chest, about £60 for two, including Bordeaux from a list which includes too francophile.

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Do not mourn the passing of tired spaghetti dishes, says Frances Bissell. Italian food has come of age in Britain — and it still works out a little cheaper than taking a flight to Milan

- 1 small onion
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, or to taste
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 crisp, firm celery stalks
- 1/8 pint/70mls dry white wine
- salt and pepper
- 2oz/50g fresh goats cheese (optional)
- 14oz/400g pasta

Cut the tomatoes into narrow strips, and place in a bowl. Pour on boiling water to just immerse the tomato, and allow to stand for five to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, peel the onion and garlic and slice or chop very finely. Heat half the olive oil in a large frying pan and gently fry the onion and garlic until transparent and just turning golden brown, but without

burning the garlic. Trim the celery stalks and "string" them before finely slicing. Add them to the frying pan together with the soaked tomatoes and liquid and cook briskly until all the liquid has been absorbed. Add the white wine and the rest of the olive oil and cook until the liquid is reduced by half. Season to taste. Crumble in the goats cheese just before serving. Meanwhile, cook the pasta, drain it, and stir it into the sauce, cooking the two together for a minute or two, which is why a large frying pan is necessary, and then pour carefully into a heated serving bowl.

The veal recipe is very easy to do and not too expensive. The cost of veal kidneys is somewhat offset by the fact that breast of veal is one of the cheaper cuts. Anyway, it is for a special occasion. I find it is much better to cook a larger joint than I need and then have plenty of leftovers for serving cold. The leftovers from this dish are too good for sandwiches. Instead, I include a recipe directly inspired by a traditional Italian "viello tonnato". Fresh salmon is used for the sauce rather than tinned tuna fish. Roast breast of veal with kidney and spinach. Serves 6 to 8.

spinach. Blanch the leaves in boiling water, drain and run cold water over them. Pat them dry on kitchen paper, and lay them over the meat. Mix together the chives, tarragon, fromage blanc, softened butter and garlic, and spoon on to the spinach in a line. Lay the kidney on top of the cheese mixture, and roll up the breast of veal. Tie at 1/2inch/1.25cm intervals.

Place the veal bones in a roasting tin, then put the roll on top. Place in a pre-heated oven, and roast at Gas mark 2, 150°C, 300°F for three to three and a half hours, brushing with olive oil every 40 minutes. Remove the meat from the oven, and keep it warm while you prepare the gravy, using the cooking juices from the roasting tin.

Cold roast veal with salmon and caper sauce. Serves 6

- 1lb/455g cold roast veal in a piece
- 4oz/110g cold cooked salmon
- 1 small tin of anchovies
- 4 tablespoons mild olive oil
- 2 egg yolks
- juice of 1/2 a lemon
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon capers

Slice the veal thinly, and lay on a long platter in overlapping slices. Combine the salmon, anchovies, olive oil, egg yolks, lemon juice and pepper, and blend or process until smooth and shiny, like mayonnaise. Roughly chop the capers and stir these into the sauce. Pour over the veal and leave in a cool place for a couple of hours for the flavours to blend.

This recipe comes from Mr Paride Mercanzin, head chef at Carraro's restaurant in London.

- Tiramisu Serves 6
- 4 size 3 eggs, separated
- 2 1/2 oz/70g caster sugar
- 4oz/110g mascarpone cream cheese
- pinch of vanilla seeds, scraped from a vanilla pod or 1 drop of pure vanilla essence
- 8 to 12 sponge fingers
- 1/2 pint/140mls strong black coffee, preferably Italian
- 1 1/2 oz/45mls Marsala wine
- cocoa powder to finish.

Beat the egg yolks with the sugar until light and creamy and the sugar has dissolved completely. Add the mascarpone and vanilla, mixing in well. Whisk the egg whites until firm, and gently fold into the mascarpone mix. Using either one dish or individual dishes, dip the sponge fingers into the coffee and Marsala, mixed together, then arrange on the bottom of the dish or dishes, breaking the sponge fingers if necessary. Spoon on the mascarpone mixture, and lightly sprinkle with cocoa powder. Chill for at least an hour.

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## DRINK

### Too much of what they fancy

Patrick McGrath, of The Victoria Wine Company, says: "If you took all the wine off the shelves and stacked them all up, they would reach the top of the world." Most wine merchants would not take this description of their fixtures and fittings as a compliment, but McGrath's South of the Bordeaux, and its London SW7 sister, Gare du Vin, are no ordinary wine shops: they form Victoria Wine's vanguard in their desperate attempt to get away from their cigarette and beer-dispensing corner kiosk image.

Certainly anyone wandering into South of the Bordeaux (123 King's Road, London SW3) would wonder what they had drifted into: dappled pastel walls, polished parquet floors, discreet shelving hung with prettily etched labels and rather more elegantly attired assistants than customers all take precedence over the wine bottles, it seems.

Eric Beaumont and Hill-Smith's Old Triangle Riesling are priced respectively at £14, £6.25 and £2.99 at Waitrose, compared to South of the Bordeaux's £15.75, £6.99 and £3.59.

South of the Bordeaux opened on Beaujolais Nouveau day last year, of course, and despite its encouraging tasting corner complete with free samples, tasteful spittoon, glistening champagne-filled fridges and row of wine books beyond, has, I think, already met its Waterloo in the shape of Waitrose. All this South of the Bordeaux razzmatazz — including its nonsensical name — does not detract from the bottom line: the modern British wine drinker wants good wines and keen prices, not fancy labels and shopfitting.

Thankfully Victoria Wine's other concept, the Gare du Vin at 23 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, and 160 High Street, Winchester, is much more practical. Wines are available for tasting here and the prices — like those at South of the Bordeaux — are not the cheapest in the high street. But at least the list features a reasonable range of the world's wines with its foundation in France. Similarly, inside the small and relaxed Gare du Vin, run by a sensible manager, poached from La Vignerone just down the road, the wines are more sensibly displayed.

Gare du Vin is particularly proud of its New World list, so try their soundly-made '86 Leo Buring South Australian Chardonnay with its vegetable scent and frontier palate, good value at £3.99. I also enjoyed the '86 Orvieto Classico from Bigli, priced though, at £4.29. The best bargain buy is the 1980 Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon Oriahovitz (£2.79).

Jane MacQuitty

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THE ARTS

Philip Kaufman talks to Simon Banner about bringing *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* to screen

Filming the impossible

HARRY KERR



The film maker Philip Kaufman: "My films are usually about people standing apart, about the reasons they show courage"

Radio Docklands starts on high note

Sooner or later someone was bound to make a thriller about Docklands. Slightly less likely was the possibility that someone would make a thriller about local radio, which in my limited experience consists of sleepy corridors, cold coffee, and one studio in which sits a single, maniacally enthusiastic broadcaster desperately trying to work the record player, read the news, find the recipes, interview a passing author, and persuade himself that someone is listening.

TELEVISION

Dumont and Peter Busby, it is stylish, hard-hitting and breathlessly paced. The relentless output of Urban Air, a very upworldly mobile radio-active station, forms a constant background linking together the lives of those who are entangled in its web.

William Holmes

As promises go, the paperback publisher's "Soon to be a major motion picture" must be one of the more hollow. The passage from page to screen is by no means straight-forward and the casualties of film-makers' wishfulness - *The Name of the Rose* being one recent example - are numerous.

made it impossible for Kaufman to film in Czechoslovakia itself. Zaentz, who had made *Amadeus* there, met with fabled silence when he did make enquiries. The Hungarians were similarly unenthusiastic. And even permission to film in Yugoslavia was mysteriously revoked at the last moment.

intermingled, meant hiring Soviet tanks from a French military museum. The English actor Daniel Day Lewis, cast as *The Unbearable Lightness of Being's* womanizing hero Tomas, displayed similar zeal for getting his performance right. Last seen as the punk hero of *My Beautiful Laundrette* and a prissy aesthete in *A Room With A View*, Day Lewis was chosen for his latest role after a long search by Kaufman and his casting director on both sides of the Atlantic.

His last film as a director was *The Right Stuff*, an expensive account of America's space programme, four years in the making, which notoriously failed to convert critical enthusiasm and elaborate promotion into success at the box-office. Kaufman believes it fell victim to inflated and misguided hype.

Despite its eight Academy Award nominations, *The Right Stuff* was a flop and for a while Kaufman's telephone didn't ring quite so often. Recently he was even asked to do an interview for an article about directors who had disappeared.

Chelsea does its duty by Nelson

restrained in its shaping, manages even to fit in the famous "Kiss me, Hardy" without a flicker of embarrassment; the winding-up, a spirited solo reflection by Emma, is done briskly and without bathos.

Hilary Finch

Young ones in hot pursuit

THEATRE

The Common Pursuit Phoenix Theatre

Four years ago, Simon Gray's play expired at the Lyric Hammer-smith, having been marked down as an inbred literary comedy featuring a thinly disguised Orwellian group of "verminous little lions" who could only be deciphered by spectators who were in the know.

Hilary Finch



Benefits of a young cast: Stephen Fry, Rik Mayall and John Gordon Sinclair in literary comedy

sexual philosopher with the temperament of a head prefect; Peter, a philandering historian who stumbles into a disastrous marriage, and Martin, who makes up with money for his lack of talent.

single lines to the main narrative turning points. "I've got to be on my way if I'm going to miss my train" is one miniature example of how it works. The effect is never artificial because it all goes to confirm Gray's belief in what he calls "old life itself", that malign (and sometimes friendly) joker who can be relied on only to deliver what you least expect.

There is no danger of that with John Gordon Sinclair bounding in with his latest audacious rigmarole, or Martin (Paul Mooney) evasively acknowledging that he has impregnated Stuart's girlfriend (Sarah Berger). John Seddens is decidedly under-used as the anxiously furored Stuart.

Advertisement for the London Palladium. It features a drawing of a woman in a dress and the text: "OPENS APRIL 26 LONDON PALLADIUM".

Fashion The Pit

Doug Lucie's grinningly modern play, welcomed by Irving Wardle last year at its Stratford premiere, offers what some of us never found in *Serious Money*, a hard, clear, panoramic view of infighting and treachery within our ruling classes.

At home at work

amoral head of a leading ad agency, no longer bothers to see his home but spends working day, insular evening and sleeping night within the confines of his office suite. Work is home, and a wretchedly successful creature it has made of him.

principles and make a propaganda film for the Tories. In one of the play's sweeter lines Cash explains: "I want to make the sort of film Goebbels, were he alive today, would be making."

Commanding the centre of the play is Brian Cox's Cash. Seldom raising his voice, moving violently only once when he beats up his real boy, he is unquestionably the man of power, a dangerous bear contrasting with Stuart's altogether more self-conscious animal - and played masterfully, wittily, by Alan Armstrong. A tense, exhilarating evening's theatre.

Mr Energy eases off

CONCERT

LSO/Tilson Thomas Barbican

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It was possible, though, this time Tilson Thomas simply ran out of ideas. Kavel, for he had just supra-persuasively suave and a coloured interpretation of Rapsodie Espagnole. Here he opened string ostinato with an uncanny sheen: the "cadenza" was pairs of clarinets and were strikingly well played. Tilson Thomas's mature passages with great clarity and clarity.

Earlier, too, he brought lightning textures in an absolutely unanimous, in conveying high-spirited, torial music with an almost zest, to the weightier Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel was perhaps to be expected all energy is his trademark. A surprising was how often and relaxed his treatment of music sounded: this was not pressed, whizz-kid reading.

Nor, for different reasons, George Bolet's of Liszt's First Concerto. One must admit for his uncompromisingly ever questing pianism, all easy answers, worrying phrases rather than pit them, opening for a delicate "rough-cut" half-staccato even in lyrical passages.

But in the concert's sections Bolet did seem necessarily inelegant or stolid. He was in good technical, however, his performance was enhanced some solo playing LSC's principals in the passages.

Richard Morris

**Leader leader**  
JAZZ

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Manchester

As Wayne Shorter says, British jazz has a long history of coming to mind, how can it distinguish itself from the past? The same question was last year when he brought his own band to the UK. In the Manchester days, Shorter was a pioneer, his music was a blend of hard bop and soul-jazz. These days, Shorter's music is a blend of hard bop and soul-jazz. These days, Shorter's music is a blend of hard bop and soul-jazz.

BRIDGE

The question is: who is to lead?

Some years ago there used to be endless arguments about whether it was better to lead the Ace of the King from the Ace-King. Duplicate players generally preferred the Ace, while the more conservatively inclined rubber bridge players stuck to the King. Leading the Ace would certainly have attracted Nancy Mitford's disapproval had she been a bridge player.

Today most players accept that there is a slight technical advantage in leading the Ace. But whichever you decide to lead, there are times when you should reverse the normal procedure.

Suppose you are on lead against three no trumps and are fortunate enough to hold this suit:

AKJ108  
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Declarer ducked the Q, but took East's OK with the Ace when West persisted with a second diamond. When declarer played a spade to dummy's ♠10, Murrell shrewdly played small. Declarer returned to hand with the ♠K to repeat the spade finesse. This time Murrell won, and cashed the King and Ace of clubs before putting West on play with the Q.

To Murrell's consternation, West went into a brown study before emerging with an innocuous club instead of the diamond Murrell wanted. The fourth diamond would have presented declarer with an insoluble problem. Wherever he chose to ruff, Murrell's 98 of spades would have provided the setting trick.

Why did West go wrong? Yes, you've guessed it. Because he thought that Murrell, by playing the King and then the Ace of Clubs, was showing a doubleton club.

Jeremy Flint

**Chess**  
An English player first among equals

One of the most outstanding young English players is Nigel Short's fellow Northerner, David Norwood. David first showed his promise in 1985 by winning the Commonwealth Junior Championship, and gaining his International Master title, both at the age of 15. Now David has tied for first prize with (amongst others) the famous Victor Korchnoi in the tournament at Lugano. Norwood will certainly be a powerful reinforcement for the Oxford University side when he goes up to Keble College later this year.

This week's game is a win by Norwood from Lugano. The notes are based on those which he kindly sent me. White: Simic; Black: Norwood. Queen's Indian Defence, Lugano, March 1988.

1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4 Be7 4 Bc4 Bb7 5 d5 Bx d5 6 Nxd5 c6 7 Bc3 Bg4 8 Qc2 9 Nc3 0-0 10 Re1 Nc7 11 Bb2 Re8 12 Re2 a5

13 Nc2 14 Qc3 b4 15 Nc1

The winning move launching a decisive attack against the White King. The full force of Black's subtle idea is finally revealed by Black's 25th move.

23 Re2 Ng4 24 Qc3 Nc2+ 25 Bc2 Bc5 26 Re2 Re4 27 Bc2 Qd5

White resigns. Further resistance is useless eg 30 Rc2 b3.

Raymond Keene

**Chess**  
The first lady of cliché

It is quite some art to take every romantic cliché in the book — the ugly duckling, the fairy godmother, the handsome stranger, the defeat of evil by good — to put them all together in a happy-ever-after tale of rags-to-riches set in Australia, and make it work. Colleen McCullough, who pulled many a willing heart-string with *The Thorn Birds*, comes close to achieving this here.

It is a story of the triumph of Right; Missy Wright, a dowdy, brown-clad, painfully thin spinster, and a snubbed misfit among her full-figured, blonde Hurlingford cousins. She lives with her widowed mother and crippled aunt in poverty, victims of the family's inheritance policy which gives riches to the men, who heartlessly abuse the women. Enter one fairy godmother, "radiant" cousin Una, whom no one else notices (she is, it turns out, a ghost), and one mysterious stranger-prince, who duly discredits the Hurlingford men, redistributes the money to the wronged ladies, and accepts Missy's marriage proposal. This, you see, is a feminist fairy tale.

Sarah Edworthy

**Chess**  
CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1535

ACROSS  
1 Australian "mate" (6)  
4 Lead astray (6)  
7 Person, place, thing word (4)  
8 Five-line stanza (8)  
9 Horse woman (12)  
15 Spotted S American rhyme (6)  
16 Frozen spike (6)  
17 Mental disorders specialist (12)  
23 Of many parts (8)  
24 Maori war chant (4)  
25 Annual (6)  
26 Later (3,3)

DOWN  
1 Traffic bollard (4)  
2 Blundy (9)  
3 Hurries (5)  
4 Ship's echosounder (5)  
5 Drench (5)  
6 Scottish terrier (5)  
10 Era (5)  
11 Bring on oneself (5)  
12 Required (9)  
13 At any time (4)  
14 Barrel band (4)  
18 Impudence (5)  
19 Provide food (5)  
20 Suggest (5)  
21 Coordinate (3,2)  
22 "Critic of Pure Reason" author

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, April 14. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, April 16.

SOLUTION TO NO 1534  
ACROSS: 1 Mock-up 4 Gambol 7 Nest 8 Unusually 9 Turn- 11 Scary 12 Encyclopaedia 13 Picnic 14 Smit 22 Dearth 23 Picnic 24 Manure 25 Chastity 26 Prude 4 Gist 5 Bombard 6 Lay- 10 Locum 11 Swath 13 Candida 14 Aseptic 15 Moped 17 Slump 18 Nomen 19 Pith

REVIEW

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

**FICTION**  
*Blood Libels*, by Gieve Savran (Jan. £3.95) Alternative, funny, political imaginative history. London racked by anti-Semitic pogroms; Golders Green and Hendon pillaged by the Children of Albion. Cuts, by Malcolm Bradbury (Arena, £2.50) Punnish, verbally sparkling literary and political frolic through cuts in universities and cutting-room floor cuts in the North in Thatcher's Britain.  
*On the Black Hill*, by Bruce Chatwin (Picador, £3.95) Life on the Welsh marches from 1900 to today, to coincide with film.  
*The Maid of Buttermere*, by Melvyn Bragg (Sceptre, £3.95) Intelligent, long-historical romance set in Cumbria.  
**NON-FICTION**  
*Joseph Banks*, by Patrick O'Brian (Collins Harvill, £3.95) Life of the explorer, plant-hunter, scientist, enthusiastic Englishman most carefully upon his hour for the Oz bicentenary.  
*The Crack*, by Sally Belfrage (Griffin, £3.50) Reportage about a year in Belfast with the "crack", or what's up.  
*Prod?*  
*The Nightmare of Reason*, by Ernst Pavel (Collins Harvill, £5.95) Intellectual, literary, and private life of Kafka.



A self portrait of the artist as a young woman: a study made in 1935 of the American photographer, fashion model and war correspondent Lee Miller, taken from the book *The Lives of Lee Miller*, by Antony Penrose (Thames and Hudson £14.95)

**Europe, the black man's burden**

The European Tribe, by Caryl Phillips (Faber, £2.95). PAPERBACK

In a time of the breaking of nations, it is the writer who will expose the fallen monuments. It may be a dangerous undertaking, of course, for the monuments will not always applaud the writer's inspection: one thinks of Mandelstam, for instance, arrested for his grimly prophetic satire of Stalin.

In 1984, the West Indian-born novelist Caryl Phillips set out to discover the true extent of racism in Europe. It demanded more than literary courage to do so, for it was, in effect, a personal assault on the cruel frontiers of this continent's "tolerance". Phillips' blackness would make him both the subject of his experiment and its pained technician. "If I was going to continue to live in Britain," he writes, "how was I going to reconcile the contradictions of feeling British, while con-

stantly being told in many subtle and unsubtle ways that I did not belong."

He travels through a Europe of daubed slogans and damned politicians, of polite noises and impolite statistics (last year in London, violent racial attacks increased by more than 25 per cent on the previous year). Country after country tells Phillips he does not belong. Entering Norway, he is stopped by a Customs officer who fires questions at him — How much money has he? Does he have a return ticket? Where is he staying? — before opening his passport. Phillips captures beautifully a certain brand of high-minded myopia on becoming irate, he is asked if he is finding it "culturally difficult to deal with a woman Customs officer". Such a difficulty, implies Phillips, is the privilege of those who are recognized, allowed even, to possess a culture in the first place.

Surprisingly, it is Norway which also provides him with his most disturbing statistic in a book already wounded with such stigmata: he cites an opinion poll in the Norwegian daily newspaper *Aftenposten* in which 52 per cent wanted to see immigrants abandon their cultural traditions, and 33 per cent preferred not to see them in the street. Sadly, Phillips' prose is frequently as wearily bland as salesman's patter, reminding us how easily the writer's mission threatens to become the publisher's commission. The spirit of his critique is willing, but the flesh of his analysis weak. He quotes Simone Weil, for instance, as an epigraph to his last chapter — "To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul" — but does not attempt to engage with that epigraph, let alone with the rest of Weil's writing, or with the important insights of theorists like Adorno, Benjamin, and Ortega Y Gasset, writers who discuss our reliance on cultural origin and legitimation. These, after all, are Phillips's very themes.

But this book calls Europe to confession, and rightly, Phillips hollers his message from the pulpits, not the halls of academe. The last chapter unleashes its polemical persistence on Europe's cultural superstition, and on the temptation to belittle those cultures whose artefacts — churches, works of art, and architectures are not immediately visible. It recalls (though Phillips does not quote it) a sharp exchange in More's *Utopia* in which Raphael rebukes Peter for his ignorant arrogance towards the New World: "You'd be more qualified to judge the age of their civilization, if you'd read their history books!"

James Wood

**Heavy going as the dance stops**

**ROCK RECORDS**  
*Ruben Blades: Nothing but the Truth* (Elektra 960 754-1) Tracy Chapman: Tracy Chapman (Elektra EKT 44)

It is ironic that Ruben Blades, the Panamanian singer who has long been a major star in the Spanish-speaking Latin American market, should choose to abandon the hot-blooded, samba fusion which has been his trademark, just when Western interest in ever more recondite examples of alter-ethnic world music has reached fever pitch.

Nevertheless, *Nothing but the Truth* is Blades' first English language album and there is no mistaking a new intent to plug in to the contemporary rock idiom. His songwriting, including collaborations with hardened notewriters like Sting, Elvis Costello and Lou Reed, produces a creditable, cosmopolitan collection that ranges from the arena anthem "The calm before the storm" to the late-night schmaltz of "Hopes on hold".

Liberal dollops of pros-

odyzing on subjects like the El Salvador death squads ("In Salvador"), the need to "solidarize" with the pain of AIDS sufferers ("The Letter") and American policy in Nicaragua ("Ollie's Duo-Wop") are a mite heavy going. A Spanish translation is thoughtfully provided.

Tracy Chapman's eponymous debut follows in the folk singer-songwriter tradition that elevated coffee bar performers like Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell and Suzanne Vega to positions of esteem in the mainstream rock world.

However, it is Joan Armatrading that the 23-year-old Chapman has chosen to model herself after with almost slavish devotion. A former busker from Boston, she strikes an earnest tone of vulnerable militancy in essaying the usual socio-political themes — racism, sexism, third worldism — and although most of the songs are striking enough a whole album's worth of such single-minded, issue-led intensity tends to pall.

David Sinclair

**Armstrong's other voice**

**JAZZ RECORDS**  
*Louis Armstrong (Verve 833 293-4)*  
*Coleman Hawkins & Ben Webster (833 296-4)*  
*Modern Jazz Quartet (833 290-4)*

Verve's medium-price "Walkman Jazz" series of digitally-remastered cassette compilations must be lightening the burden of many a commuter these days — part of a new batch of 20 issues — should be a compulsory purchase for anyone whose knowledge of jazz trumpet listening extends no further back than, say, Miles Davis.

On six of the 13 selections the great man is accompanied (for, I think, the only time in his recording career) by a mainstream-modern rhythm section, and the result is not a little revelatory. Armstrong was, of course, the first great jazz soloist, the man who dragged the music out of the primordial sludge of collective improvisation in the 1920s. By 1957, when these sides were recorded, he was thought to have said everything he had to say; but, with the sensitive

Revelatory: Louis Armstrong accompaniment of Oscar Peterson's piano, Ray Brown's saxophone, Herb Ellis's guitar and Louis Bellson's drums, he produces lengthy solos of great subtlety and enormous impact.

The tone is bright and beautiful, the articulation exact, the note-choice and phrasing perfectly matched and endlessly inventive. Bellson's drumming is occasionally a little self-consciously ornate, but on something like "Sweet Lorraine" the elements coalesce into classic small-group jazz, irrespective of era and category.

On the remaining seven items Armstrong is accompa-

nied by a large Hollywood orchestra playing semi-commercial arrangements, and here his marvellously audacious behind-the-beat singing is the main attraction. In "I Only Have Eyes For You" and "Little Girl Blue", Armstrong emerges as a wonderful ballad interpreter.

Coleman Hawkins and Ben Webster were two of the three greatest pre-modern tenor saxophonists. Their 1957 album of duets, *Blue Saxophones*, has always been held in great esteem now five tracks from it reappear in their Walkman Jazz collection, along with a terrific blues ("De-Dar") from a later session.

The Modern Jazz Quartet's volume, mostly culled from 1957 concerts at the Donaueschingen Festival and the Chicago Opera House, is a useful summary of their virtues. Alongside such favourites as "Cortège" and "Three Windows", it includes a version of Charlie Parker's "Now's the Time" that is a textbook example of how to dress the blues up in a dinner jacket without losing its homespun essence.

Richard Williams

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Horror story

The Broadway opening of *Carrie*, the Royal Shakespeare's unloved horror musical has been put off again. First night at the Virginia Theatre on Broadway was originally to be April 28, but the date receded to May 1, then May 4. The latest postponement to May 12 takes director Terry Hands out of the race with his old associate, Trevor Nunn, for a Tony Award. Nunn's *Chess* opens a couple of blocks away later this month but *Carrie* is now so delayed that it misses the nominations deadline, May 5. With every hiccup, actress Barbara Cook must congratulate herself anew on quitting before the transfer from Stratford. Relations were apparently so strained that her first night present to Hands was a gift-wrapped hatchet.

● The row over the National Audit Office report on the Victoria & Albert and the British Museum's shocking conservation record continues... but there is light on the horizon. Christopher Fraying, professor of cultural history at the Royal College of Art, has won the backing of the RCA, V&A and Imperial College to launch Britain's first Masters degree in conservation in October 1989. Students will study the conservation of wooden furniture, fabrics, ceramics and the materials of modern sculpture such as metal and plastic. Though the course should enhance the status of museum conservators who resent being classed as artisans, there's a problem: who wants the suffix M.A.(Con)?

Tiny talents

After painting for 75 years, 84-year-old Eileen Chandler gets her first one-woman show at Guy Morrison's gallery in Jermyn Street from Wednesday. Her beautiful water-colour landscapes will give no indication of her equal talent for somewhat satchel-like child portraits. Working from the late 1940s at her gallery on Sunset Boulevard, Mrs Chan-



Powell and Minelli dier painted the three-year-old Mia Farrow, the four-year-old Liza Minelli and, over here, the tiny Bamber Gascoigne. Expect to spot Robert Powell anxiously surveying the gallery walls for her just-completed paintings of his eight and 10-year-olds.

Paper Mark

Children at the Winter's End festival on the South Bank at Easter were entranced by Mark Thorsson's demonstration of origami. But he should have been a familiar face to their concert-going parents: by night he is one of the homeless who sleep rough beneath the railway arches. He was chosen by the organizer, Linda MacFadyen, after he presented her with a paper rabbit. Her office now a menagerie, she plans to employ him again. Sadly, she'll know where to find him.

Coming soon

Don't despair if you fail to catch Peter Brook's *Mahabharata* in Glasgow this month (I'm told there are a few seats left). Filming starts this September for a Channel 4 film of the nine-hour Sanskrit epic, condensed into three two-hour episodes for transmission in autumn 1989. Michael Kustow, C4's arts commissioner, who has spent six years on the coup, can hardly contain himself.

● The fraternal welcome extended by Labour councils to the Moscow State Circus this summer has riled the Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain. Malcolm Clay, of the association, says York, Birmingham, Manchester and Norwich all operate a ban on British circuses but are providing venues for Moscow State. Barbara Simpson, amenities chairman of Labour-controlled Norwich, says there is a difference between lions jumping through hoops and the ancient military manoeuvres of the Cossack horses: "After all, they have appeared on Blue Peter and everything."

Good heavens

In a splendid gesture to multiculturalism, Steven Pimlon, director of the York Mystery Plays this June, has picked a Hindu to play Christ. As it happens, Victor Banerjee, Dr Aziz in David Lean's *Passage to India*, was educated by Irish missionary brothers, so at least he knows the story. Meanwhile the part of God in this iconoclastic variation on the Mystery tradition has been given to a 12-year-old boy.

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JAZZ

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**A Parsifal who is fit to live with**

**CLASSICAL RECORDS**  
*Wagner: Parsifal* Bayreuth 1955/Levine. Philips 416 842-2 (four CDs)  
*Wagner: Tristan und Isolde*. Bayreuth 1966/Bhm. DG 419 889-2 (three CDs)

overdone and sentimental. He can also be unusually fast and furious, again in an entirely convincing way, and his very flexibility makes him a sensitive partner to Hans Sotin's experienced, feeling Gurnemanz, to Simon Estes's Amfortas, an athlete of effortlessly-contained suffering (he is in much better form here than at Covent Garden), and to Waltraud Meier's quite incomparable Kundry. There is also an excellent Second Knight from Matthias H'olle, Stockhausen's favoured bass.

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one in which the ear is always encouraged to look down, and backwards. There is a strong feeling of lateness, perhaps even of too-lateness, in Levine's view of the work. The prelude is quite extraordinarily drawn out, and the two march-transformations are taken with great gloom and grandeur.

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sounds in regrettably poor vocal shape: only occasional passages, like the ending of the middle act, show something like the gleaming strength of old. However, the orchestral performance, the sheer sound and the supreme Kundry make this a *Parsifal* to live with.

Nor do they, indeed, in the swift, wild and dramatically icling Tristan that Karl Böhm conducted in 1966 in the same place (though one might not think it the same place, so different is Böhm's lean muscularity from Levine's dulled radiance). It is good to have this classic recording, boasting Windgassen and Nilsson in the title roles, to set beside Kleiber and Bernstein.

Paul Griffiths

Andrew Billen



THE WEEK AHEAD



ROCK
ROCHDALE ZULLU: Johnny Clegg and his multi-racial South African group Savuka start the English leg of a European tour on Thursday.



BOOKS
BROOK ON BROOK: Peter Brook is the greatest theatre director who we have not got.



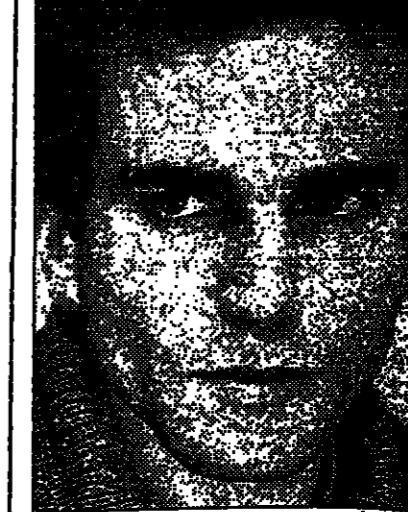
OPERA
EDITA'S REVIVAL: Edita Gruberova, the Czech coloratura soprano, sings her first Lucia at Covent Garden on Friday.



CONCERT
LOTS OF PLEASURE: Felicity Lott sings in the opening concert of the second British Library Stefan Zweig Series at Wigmore Hall tomorrow.



DANCE
BRADFORD BALLET: Patrick Armand dances Siegfried at the first performance of Natalia Makarova's new production of Swan Lake for London Festival Ballet.



FILM
IN THE LIONS' DEN: Daniel Day-Lewis takes a leap into international stardom with his part in The Unbearable Lightness of Being.

THEATRE LONDON

EASY VIRTUE: Jane How, Ronnie Stevens, Zena Walker, John Michie, directed by Tim Luscombe in Noël Coward's Twenties play about hypocrisy.

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: My Fair Lady: New production of the Lerner and Loewe musical.

RADIO

To mark the 80th birthday of the conductor Herbert von Karajan (above), Radio 3 is reviving a series of recordings made in the 1950s with the Philharmonia Orchestra, and which have not been in the record shops since their original release.

WALKS

LONDON'S HISTORIC DOCKLANDS & THAMES: meet today, Tower Hill tube, 11.15am, £3 (also next Sat).

CONCERTO

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GALLERIES

ROSIE LEVENTON: An enormous installation called Wake incorporating a leaden boat and a river of ash.

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FILMS ON TV

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OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: The New Peter Hall production of Strauss's Salome. Mon and Thurs, 8pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1068).

BOOKINGS

BEAUMARIS FESTIVAL: Hungarian theme includes visits by Hungarian cellist Czaba Ornczay, and folk group Makvirag from Budapest; also medieval dancing and archery displays to mark 800th anniversary of visit to Anglesey by King Canutus.

LAST CHANCE

A MAN OF OUR TIME: Exhibition of life and works of Michael Tippett. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-5.20pm Sports News; 5.20pm-5.25pm Sports News; 5.25pm-5.30pm Sports News; 5.30pm-5.35pm Sports News; 5.35pm-5.40pm Sports News; 5.40pm-5.45pm Sports News; 5.45pm-5.50pm Sports News; 5.50pm-5.55pm Sports News; 5.55pm-6.00pm Sports News.

FILMS

BELLMAN AND TRUE (15): Entertaining British thriller with psychological overtones, featuring Bernard Hill as the failed hero forced to use his computer skills in a bank robbery.

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WORD-WATCHING

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The horrific face of defeat

A new exhibition of prints and drawings demonstrates that there were no half measures in the art of the short-lived Weimar Republic. The choice for artists was perfectly straight forward. You either lampooned savagely the excesses of the rich or sided sympathetically with workers enduring chronic poverty.

The statistics of the Weimar Republic, which lasted from the end of the First World War to the appointment of Hitler as Chancellor in 1933, are themselves extreme. They read like a caricature of everything that can go wrong when leadership is weak, when coalitions are fragile and when right and left get themselves so hysterically entrenched that blood letting seems the only alternative.

In 1925 there were 195,000 unemployed; by 1932 there were 5.1 million. Between December 1922 and August 1923 the dollar exchange rate rose from 8,000 to 40 billion marks. In the three years before 1922, there were 376 political murders. Harry Lime's theory of quality in art is correct - that war, nastiness and suffering cradle and nurture genius - then the Weimar Republic with its putschs, assassinations, inflation, general strikes and mass unemployment should have produced a magnificent art. And this is precisely how it turned out.

Among the 21 angry Germans contributing to the exhibition George Grosz and Käthe Kollwitz represent the two extremes. In Grosz's work we enter what he called the "negative world" of temporary values and rampant hedonism. Although he claimed to be "completely non-political," his vicerish drawings and prints man-



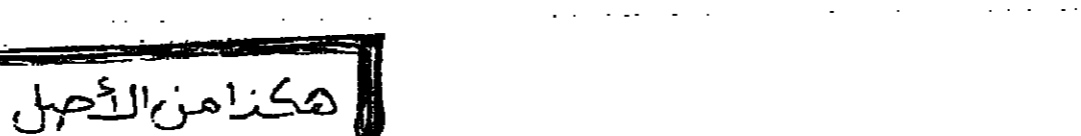
Hitler's star turns: Grosz's "Der absolute Monarchist", 1922 (left) and Dix's "Louise and Vohse", 1923
aged, within the space of five years, to win him heavy fines for defamation, offending public morality and blasphemy. In Grosz's sickly demi-monde of night-clubs and opulent restaurants we rub shoulders with rich, fat and lascivious financiers and black marketers. They are identifiable by their bullet heads, their tête-à-têtes with ramrod generals, their starched wing collars supporting a nest of bubbly jowls and their gluttonous appetites. They enjoy themselves while the going is good and buy the attentions of flouncing, busty trollops sporting red lips and cocktail cigarettes. Kollwitz's women are, by contrast, domestic heroines who, by grappled with immediate problems of social instability, recession and the humiliation of defeat. Of course, as is usual with artists, they backed all the wrong horses and ended up as star turns in Hitler's exhibitions of Degenerate Arts. The present show's 150 examples of their incisive seeing gives a terrifying account of a turbulent nation steering full steam ahead for the rocks.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham



Ken Gosling

The star of Grand Larceny (ITV, 9pm) is a computerized video system operated by a...

budget; also medieval drama anniversary of visit to Angkor Wat...

Opera North at Manchester: Booking for Tosca, Katya Kabanova...

A Man of Our Time: Photographic exhibition of the works of Michael Tippett...

Britannia Rules the Stars: Drawings of over 100 British composers...

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Ken Gosling

6.45 Open University, 6.55 Saturday Starts Here...

12.12 Weather, 12.15 News, 12.20 Football highlights...

5.05 News with Moira Stuart, 5.15 Sports...

6.15 Paper Tiger (1974) starring David Niven...

10.15 Cagney and Lacey, 10.30 The two lady police...

11.05 Film: You Can't Win 'Em All (1970) starring...

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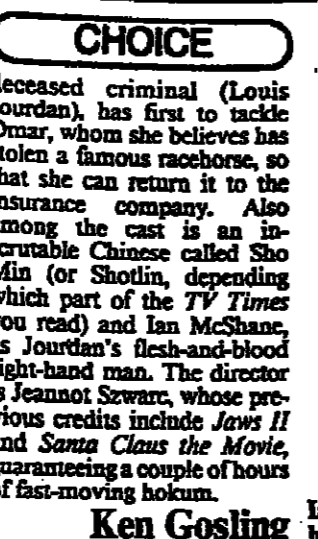
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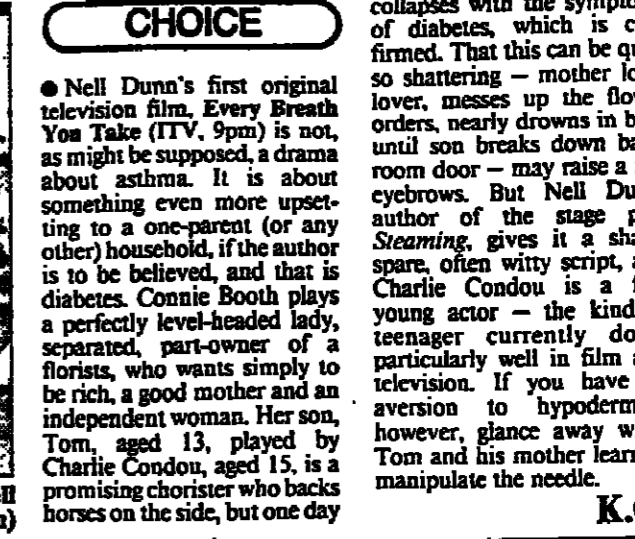
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WORLD SERVICE

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Radio 1

1.00 News, 1.10 Any Questions? from Salford, Cumbria (r) 1.55 Shipping...

Radio 2

7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: The Slip by P Carroll and B Wasserman...

Radio 3

11.15 Roger Fallows Memorial Concert: BBC Symphony Orchestra...

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/205m; 1089kHz/275m; VHF-89-90.2...



Hijack drama shifts to Beirut

Anguished pleas of a desperate pilot

The following conversation was monitored yesterday between the Beirut airport control tower and the hijacked Kuwait jet as it circled above the city:

Pilot: "Control tower, control tower... can you hear me, can you hear me, Kuwaiti, Kuwaiti. They are forcing me to land. I am the hijacked plane. They are forcing me to land. We are requested to land. If we don't they will shoot us. I have a gun pointed at me. Please help me. I don't have fuel. Please get me permission to land."

Control tower: "It is not our problem. You are wasting your time. The fuel in Lebanon is polluted. Go away."

Hijacker: "I demand to land immediately or I will cut out your tongue."

Pilot: "They are forcing me to land. We are requested to land. If we don't, they will shoot us."

Syrian military officer (to control tower): "Tell them no way under any circumstances should they try to land."

Hijacker: "I am the hijacker talking. We don't want a confrontation with you. We have members of the Kuwaiti royal family."

Control tower: "Don't get angry... I cannot allow you to land in Beirut."

Hijacker: "I will circle again."

Pilot: "I have a gun pointed at me. Please help me. I don't have fuel. Please get me permission to land. You want us to ditch. One of the Kuwaiti royal family members has a heart problem and wants to talk to the interior minister."

Control tower: "Negative, negative."

First passenger: "I am Anwar Khaled al-Sabah, one of the passengers of the plane. Please allow us to land at the airport."

Second passenger: "My name is Khaled al-Ghabandi, one of the passengers of the plane. The plane has no fuel. We have to land. The passengers are scared. I am speaking on behalf of all the passengers."

Control tower: "There is no chance of landing. You will have to shoulder the responsibility of your action."

Pilot: "If you fail to clear the runways within a few minutes, we will land in the sea."

Hijacker: "We hold you, the interior minister, the justice minister, total responsibility for the lives of the passengers."

Control tower: "You are responsible for the passengers because you hijacked them."

Hijacker: "We will crash-land and whatever happens will happen you will bear the responsibility."

Pilot: "Within minutes if the airport is not open, we will crash."

me to say that all the Lebanese suffer heart ailments (from the war). Do not try to talk to me sentimentally."

Hijacker: "We will have to land there by force."

Pilot: "I beg you, I kiss your hand, I beg you again please let me land. I swear I understand all your reasons but I beg you because I have human lives at risk here. I beg you to allow me to land. Please prepare some ambulances. We must land. I'm going to make a forced landing. Prepare the ambulances. Please inform the ministers of justice, interior and public works that we are compelled to land at Beirut airport. There is no other option for us."

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Horse power aids tourist drive



Duke, the plodding workhorse, pulling a barge packed with trippers along the Grand Western Canal at Tiverton in Devon yesterday. Two horse-drawn barges will make daily two-hour cruises during the summer and are already proving popular.

Afghan peace deal is ready for signing

Continued from page 1

The announcement followed statements on Thursday by the Soviet, Afghan and Pakistani leaders that obstacles to the accord had been removed. Negotiations had bogged down recently over a superpower dispute over the supply of military aid to their allies, but that appeared to have been resolved.

Moscow sent troops into Afghanistan in December 1979 to bolster a Marxist government, but Soviet involvement became costly economically and diplomatically. Since Mr Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in March 1985, he has displayed increasing eagerness to staunch what he called a "bleeding wound".

The Cordovez announcement left unclear whether the Soviet Union and the United States would continue to supply military aid to their allies, but he said he was sure all sides would show restraint.

The agreement's non-interference provisions had originally been understood to ban arms supplies at least to the Afghan Government. But Washington refused to cut its military aid to the guerrillas unless Moscow, in symmetry, also stopped supplying Kabul.

A separate formal statement by Senior Cordovez appeared to meet Pakistan's request for agreement in principle to form a new Afghan Government.

"It has been consistently recognized that the objective of a comprehensive settlement implies the broadest support and immediate participation of all segments of the Afghan people and that this can best be ensured by a broad-based Afghan Government."

Only Afghans could decide their future government, he added.

SANTA BARBARA: The White House expressed delight at the peace agreement and said the chances were good that Washington would join Moscow in backing it. By the White House Chief of Staff, Mr Howard Baker, said the Administration would withhold a final judgement until it had received formal notification of Moscow's plan to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

Moscow: The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, confirmed that Soviet troops would begin leaving Afghanistan on May 15, but claimed the pullout was not a present to President Reagan (on the eve of the Moscow summit (AP reports). Mr Reagan is to visit Moscow from May 29 to June 2 for his fourth summit.

At least two of the gunmen are believed to be Shia Muslims from Beirut. Haunting images, page 5

Tears of relief as Britons recount their terror ordeal

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would make her view life in a different way. "I think I will value what is important and stop worrying about trivial things."

Mr Carew-Jones said that when the aircraft landed no one knew where they were. "Frankly, I was very worried about the plane being stormed by the SAS. I was trying to work out where to go if they came through a door, should I dive under the seat or what would be best? When I realised we were in Iran I felt more relieved. It was less likely that they would start shooting."

Asked if people should negotiate with terrorists he said: "I am a bit biased. I don't think you can give in to the prospects of these ten terrorists emerging free after doing this thing and going round the world perhaps doing it again."

All the same I was hoping for some kind of compromise."

Mr Mark Appleby, aged 23, from Bristol travelling with his sister, Nicola, aged 25, after a holiday in Bangkok said that when the hijack started he first thought that a drunk had attacked one of the stewards.

"They were struggling directly where I was sitting. Then I saw the man had a gun and that it was pointing at my stomach. They fell on top of me and the gun then fell against Nicola. The man was overpowered but then some more terrorists came dashing down the plane and took over. They said: 'Stop. If you move we will kill you.' We got pretty anxious then."

The terrorists then moved all the passengers around the aircraft. Mr Appleby said: "I met one man, a Kuwaiti who complained to me that this was the second flight he had

had on Kuwaiti airlines and the second time he had been hijacked. He's still up there."

Miss Elaine McIntosh, aged 20, an arts student from the Isle of Wight, embraced her father, John, and said: "I am going to go and lie down in a dark room and close my eyes. I am very tired. This has put me off travelling for a long while, but I feel great to be home."

Her boyfriend, Mr Scott Stiffwell, aged 23, commercial photographer from the Isle of Wight, added: "I would just like to say that I hope the other passengers come out of this as well as we have. I really know what they are going through."

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, welcomed the freed hostages at Heathrow. She said there was great relief that "the Brits were back" but she was very concerned about the other 55 passengers.

Powerful sword hanging over Kuwait

From Robert Fisk Kuwait

The gunmen on board the hijacked Kuwait jet are holding a more important group of passengers than was at first revealed. It now turns out that not only are three members of the ruling Kuwaiti al-Sabah family on the aircraft, but the hijackers are also holding men from three of the country's leading and wealthiest merchant families.

al-Badr, Qabandi and Muteiri families - among the Sunni Muslim commercial backbone of Kuwait - are known to be among the captives.

Furthermore, Fadel Khaled al-Sabah, who is from the Emir's own large family, turns out to be the brother of the fourth most important officer in the Kuwaiti Army.

The hijackers are thus holding an immensely powerful sword over Kuwait's rulers; their every action since taking

over the jet on Tuesday suggests that Kuwait is the sole target of their animosity.

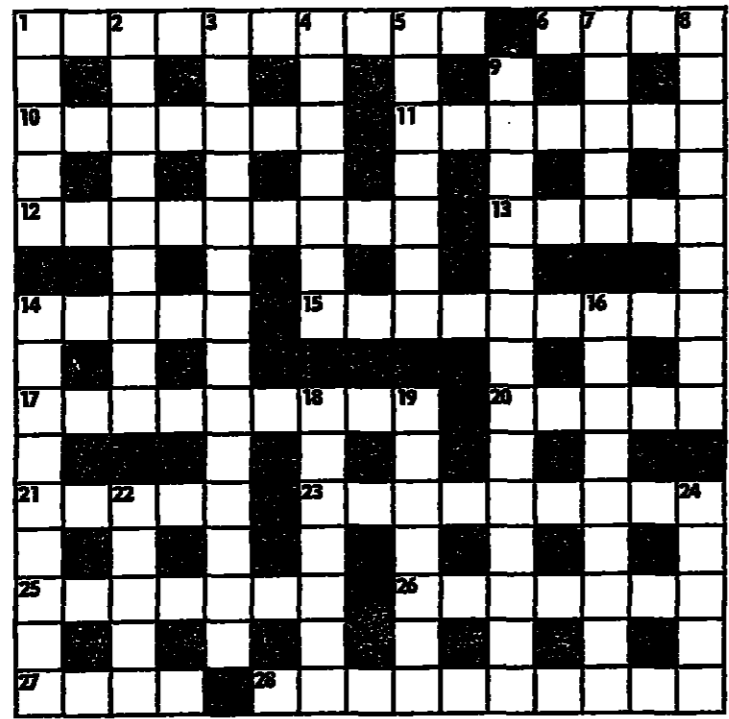
Indeed, British officials in the Middle East were stunned at the way in which the 22 British captives were released so early in the drama.

At one point yesterday the Kuwaiti security services feared the gunmen might fly the Boeing 747 airliner to Kuwait, perhaps threatening even to crash the jet on to the Emir's palace.

It is now clear that the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) Shia Muslim movement in Lebanon - and, in particular, the Islamic Jihad group which holds at least two American hostages and possibly Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, as well - played a leading role in the affair.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,639



- ACROSS
1 Figure of a child has moved me to show up (3,2,5).
6 Both the setting for this opera? (4).
10 Characteristic noise heard from car that's exchanged (5-2).
11 Some hundred Germans aboard this boat (7).
12 Not straight - future too unsettled (3,2,4).
13 Get out of bed about noon and wash (5).
14 Transport firm has a lot of pain (5).
15 Execute Duke - His Grace has misbehaved (9).
17 Appropriate animals to see how the land lies (4,5).
20 You can carve with this provided the joint's almost round (5).
21 Called me in and relaxed (5).
22 Profit from backing book about light (9).
25 Broadcast from Russia about retrogressive university (7).
26 Difficult week in a hospital room (7).
27 By the sound of it, is familiar with the organ (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,633
ACROSS
1 CHILDREN
6 OPERA
10 CARBURETOR
11 BOAT
12 WAGON
13 GET UP
14 PAIN
15 EXECUTE
17 ANIMALS
20 CARVE
21 PROFIT
25 BROADCAST
26 HOSPITAL
27 ORGAN

WEATHER

Northern Scotland will start dry with some bright or sunny spells, although it will soon become cloudy with rain and snow showers. Winds will be strong. The rest of Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England, apart from the extreme south-west, will have a fine day with sunny periods. South-west England will be cloudy and there may be a little light rain. Outlook: Mainly dry with sunny intervals, although northern Scotland may be showery.

Table with columns for ABOARD and AROUND BRITAIN, listing weather conditions for various locations like Aberdeen, Glasgow, London, etc.

WORD-WATCHING
A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?
By Philip Howard
COMSTOCKERY
a. Mobile ship's chandler's
b. Bloody-mindedness
c. Bawdlerization
SMALLUM
a. A minor chimney
b. A spotted leadfoot
c. In small pieces
VACCIMULGENCE
a. Smallpox inoculation
b. Milling
c. Cow parsley
GOFER
a. A subordinate
b. A rabbit at golf
c. A prairie rat

Answers on page 22, column 1

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 48, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday. The winners of last Saturday's competition are: S J Thomas, 83 Park Road, Bristol, Leicester: M Muro-Hill, 2 South Glebe, Lockington, Driffield, Yorks; C E P Whyman, Aller House, Chapel Allerton, Airedale, Somerset; A Roland, 51a Stafford Rd, Forest Gate, London E7; L Durham, 2 Tabor Court, Cheam, Surrey.

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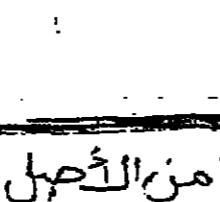
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Expanding PML advances to £2.3m

PML Group, the former Paul Michael Leisurewear, made pretax profits in the year to end-December of £2.3 million, against £1.06 million. The total dividend was raised to 1.25p from 1p. The results include just over four months from Alec Bernam, the women's coats and jackets manufacturer.

The company expects to benefit from a rise in the number of Japanese tourists to Europe this year and is extending its Home of Hanover operations in Continental Europe to eight boutiques. It also plans a third British branch in Windsor. PML is poised to make another acquisition.

Motor trade takeover

Evans Halshaw, the motor distributor, has bought Auto Control of Birmingham for £50,000 cash. Auto Control manages a fleet of more than 1,600 vehicles on contract hire and fleet management packages. It also produces and markets computer software. Its pretax profit in the year to the end of September was £177,000.

Plaxtons in £2.5m buy

Plaxtons, the coachbuilder and motor distributor, has bought the ISIS Motor Group for about £2.5 million cash. ISIS has three Ford dealerships with a turnover approaching £30 million from the sale of 2,000 new cars annually. The dealerships will become part of Plaxtons' Kirkby Motor Group subsidiary.

Lep bid for US firm

Lep Group, the freight forwarding, distribution, insurance and travel agency company, is proposing to buy the 59 per cent of National Guardian Corporation, its US associate, that it does not already own. The proposed \$13.75-a-share price values National Guardian at \$137 million (£73.4 million) and the 59 per cent stake at \$80.8 million.

National Guardian sells, leases, installs, services and monitors electronic security systems used primarily to protect businesses and homes against burglary, vandalism and fire. It also provides security officers for property protection.

Kalon to sell Beechwood

Kalon Group, the paint manufacturer, is selling Beechwood Brushes to Crispation, a company in which Mr Odel Bros, a director of Kalon, has a shareholding. The price is expected to be about £2.1 million. Beechwood is expected to have made an operating loss of £125,000 in the year to end-December.

Cowells tops £1m profit

Cowells, the Ipswich book and security printer quoted on the USM, made pretax profits of £1.02 million in the year to end-December, against £881,000 the previous year. The final dividend was 3.5p. Cowells has just secured a contract to supply bingo tickets to the Mecca Leisure Organization for the next five years.

RECENT ISSUES

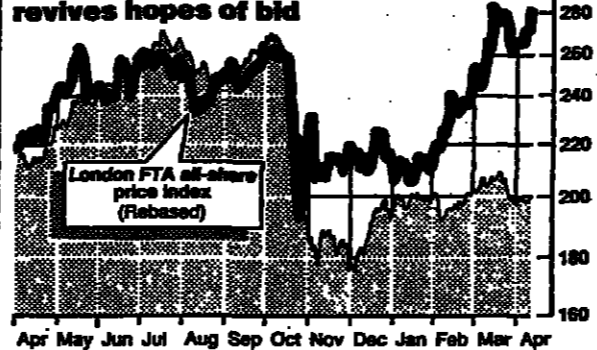
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STOCK MARKETS

Mystery buyer sends S&N share price towards peak

Shares of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries were nudging towards their peak of 293p yesterday with a rise of 13p to 285p after the sudden appearance of a mystery buyer.

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries: appearance of big buyer revives hopes of bid



Meanwhile, rival Allied-Lyons also enjoyed another burst of activity, climbing by 5p to 392p, on reports of stakebuilding. This week, another Australian brewer, Mr Alan Bond, whose Bond Corporation is famous for its Castlemain

Wilson Bowden held steady at 201p despite the highest recommendations from Mr Angus Phae, an analyst at County NatWest, the broker, who says that it is a house builder he would put his neck on the block for. Recent figures showed pretax profits soaring from £8.3 million to £17.7 million and Mr Phae is looking for £23 million this time.

XXXX Lager, announced that he had taken his stake in Allied to 7 per cent. By the close of business last night, a further 3.7 million shares had been traded, leading to suggestions that he was adding to his holding - already worth more than £50 million. The market is certainly taking the view that Mr Bond will not be content to sit passively on this sort of investment for long.

The rest of the equity market ended the long, three-week Easter account on a high note following the news of a half point cut in bank base rates to 8 per cent - their lowest level for 10 years. The Bank of England signalled the move after the latest surge in the value of the pound against its main rivals. The big four

only too willing to listen to these days while they continue to sit on funds of about £15 billion which have built up since the crash.

But there were still a few cheap buyers around who seemed prepared to take an optimistic line after the market's dismal performance this account which has seen it badly underperform its two main rivals, Tokyo and New York.

Another steady start to trading on Wall Street, enabled prices to close near their best levels of the day with the FTSE 100 index climbing by 18.7 points to 1,779.7 after opening 2.9 down and having been 20.2 higher at one stage. However, it has fallen by 75.8 points, or 4 per cent, during the past three weeks.

The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished the day 14.0 points higher at 1,413.4.

Leading shares nearly all ended the day with solid gains. The action taken to curb the pound's strength was good news for the big exporters. ICI rose by 10p to £10.00, BAT by 5p to £43.1p. Reckitt by 12p to £22p and British Aerospace by 12p to 404p. But the vote by Jaguar's workforce to throw out the company's proposals for increased production left the shares 5p lower at 282p.

Welcome, the pharmaceuticals manufacturer, stood out with a rise of 22p at 479p on whispers that the group was about to make a positive announcement about its anti-Aids drug, Retrovir.

Michael Clark

NEW YORK

Unsettled start for Dow

(Reuters) - Shares were unsettled and little changed overall in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was hovering at about Thursday's closing figure of 2,062.17.

The index rose by half a point on Thursday. Rising and declining shares were evenly matched yesterday.

Staley Continental jumped by 5% to 37 1/2 in heavy trading. Tate & Lyle has offered \$32 a share for all its

common shares.

Hachette and Walt Disney said that if Hachette's bid for Grolier Inc is successful, Hachette would sell Grolier's Childcraft Education Corporation to Disney for \$52 million (£27.8 million), subject to adjustment.

Childcraft, based in Edison, New Jersey, specializes in the sale of educational toys through direct mail and nearly doubled its sales to \$51 million in 1987.

TOKYO

Nikkei loses 20 points

(Reuters) - Share prices closed easier yesterday due to a slightly weaker dollar and a lack of fresh factors to encourage continued buying, brokers said.

The Nikkei average lost 20.33 points to close at 26,748.89 after hitting a morning peak of 26,926.41. The morning enthusiasm quickly tapered off.

The average surged 258.05 points to 26,769.22 on Thursday, surpassing the 26,646.43

record level of October 14.

Declining shares led rising issues by 12 to 10 on turnover of 1.5 billion shares against 1.6 billion.

"People are not willing to buy actively now," said a broker at a leading Japanese securities house. He attributed the wait-and-see feeling to next week's meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations and the release of US and Japanese trade figures.

If you're about to invest in a pension plan make sure it's the best on the market.

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EEC heads for dispute with US and Japan

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

The European Economic Community is heading for another big trade conflict with the United States and Japan, after unofficial reports that Tokyo and Washington have sealed a deal giving American construction companies preferential access to Japanese public works projects.

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC's External Relations Commissioner, demanded an "immediate official declaration by the Japanese government to clarify the situation." He said he was determined to prevent European construction companies being excluded from the Japanese domestic market.

He said: "If it turned out that this agreement was yet another bilateral deal between these two countries to the exclusion of others, it would be very damaging. We take this affair very seriously."

Mr de Clercq said EEC trade officials had yet to see the text of the agreement, and were reluctant to judge its contents prematurely.

But assurances from Washington and Tokyo about the "non-discriminatory nature" of the agreement had been contradicted by high ranking Japanese officials, who were reported as saying US companies should be given priority access to Japanese public works contracts.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table of London traded options for various companies and indices.

Table of FT-SE 100 and other index prices.

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# Tate aims for a larger slice of US sweetener market

By Cliff Feltham

Tate and Lyle, which is bidding £709 million for Staley Continental, has not disguised its interest in the US company whose shares have moved up steadily from the \$18-level since last November.

American arbitrageurs, anticipating a bid, have already picked up a significant holding in the company.

Mr Neil Shaw, the Tate chairman, said he thought it was unlikely another bidder would emerge. "We have a strong presence in the United States and are heavily involved in the agricultural industry. We have a good track record. This deal makes sense."

Staley is a leading supplier of corn syrups - widely used as a sweetener in the soft drinks market - and would provide another important leg for Tate's existing interests in beet sugar and cane sugar, enabling it to compete in all areas of the North American sweetener market.

Corn sweeteners account for 65 per cent of all non-diet sweeteners used in the United States by food and drink manufacturers and 95 per cent of sweeteners used in non-diet soft drinks.

Tate would not keep Staley's food distribution business which has been built up over the last three years and could fetch about \$500 million, according to Mr Shaw.

Tate, Staley and a Belgian company are already involved



Looking West: Neil Shaw reflects on US expansion plans (Photograph: James Morgan)

in CST Group, one of Europe's largest producers of sweeteners from corn and wheat.

Last year Staley made a pretax profit of \$92 million of which two-thirds comes from the corn operations. But Tate is critical of its recent performance, particularly the lavish overheads enjoyed by executives.

Mr Shaw said Staley had

suggested that Tate take a significant stake of up to 20 per cent in the business but then allowed the talks to lapse.

Mr Shaw was highly critical of what he described as "the web of entrenchment devices" which Staley has woven around itself - alleging golden parachute contracts to Mr Donald Nordlund, the chairman, and four other executives worth \$43 million. Tate has launched a lawsuit

in Delaware, attempting to throw out the scheme which could cost a total of more than \$100 million.

In addition to preference holders who are being asked to back Tate's £208 million cash call on the basis of three new units for every one ordinary share held, Chase Manhattan Bank is providing standby loan facilities of up to \$1,300 million.

# Time for investors to think of putting a toe in the water

The score in the Sterling-Mark Mixed Singles is now 30-all. Margaret Thatcher has won her points with a typical backhand smash that left the Commons crowd gasping, and a cross-court volley that struck her opponent in a sensitive part of his anatomy. Nigel Lawson has twice come from behind with two breathtaking lobs from the base line. The City can talk of nothing else.

Yesterday's second half-point cut since the Budget means bank base rates, now 8 per cent, are at their lowest since 1978. It also means that in their confusion - no expert as far as I know expected lower interest rates yesterday - the soothsayers have even more reason to contradict each other. Disagreements are what make markets and should therefore not be despised.

The argument against another quick base rate cut was that cheaper money would provide extra fuel for rising retail spending, and do nothing to diminish the rate at which average earnings are advancing. More credit and more pay, coupled with the Budget benefits, spell more spending on imported goods and thus more pressure on an already deteriorating current balance of payments account.

The argument for lower base rates is two-fold: to help keep soaring sterling under control (an "uncompetitive" pound via falling exports also puts pressure on the balance of payments), and to make a positive gesture in advance of next week's meeting in Washington of the Group of Seven finance ministers, where exchange rate stability and the crucial issue of the health of the dollar are on the agenda. The last time they met was three weeks before world stock markets crashed on October 19-20, but I think it unlikely that history is about to repeat itself.



KENNETH FLEET

The G7 (US, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada) meeting has already had a marked effect on the markets, if for an apparently fictitious reason. A report out of Japan that the meeting would agree a support level of Y125 for the dollar, later strenuously denied, sent Wall Street into a paroxysm of delight. On Wednesday the Dow Jones industrial average surged 64.16 points to 2,061.67 in rising volume. Apart from its doubtful origin this sudden climb is not altogether to be trusted. But it does indicate how Wall Street can turn on the dollar. Nothing that you would call a policy initiative directed at the twin deficits (budget and trade) will be taken before the next President is installed in the White House - and maybe not then.

Wall Street will not unequivocally shed its bearish feelings as long as it senses that a lower dollar and higher interest rates may be necessary to improve the trade balance and finance the deficit. The same cannot be said of Japan where on Thursday the Tokyo market went above the high of October 14, just five days before the crash. Again if you are superstitious you can argue that Tokyo has now made a charists' classic double top and Thursday's peak presages a big fall.

I am not superstitious, though I suspect not even the Tokyo market can sustain its upward momentum. I take

heart from three simple truths about Japan: they have the strongest economy, which is working well to the greater profit of Japanese corporations; they have released, as from April 1, a new source of funds for stock market investment by removing, with appropriate exceptions (the aged, disabled and single mothers), tax relief from small savings; and they manage their market for maximum satisfaction. It is a blend of Oriental magic that foreign investors who deserted Tokyo in droves after October are again finding irresistible.

The London market still lacks conviction and is prey to the prevailing overseas winds. It has become an overwhelmingly institutional market in which trading in stocks is more important than investing in companies. Fund managers as a breed are not men of courage and vision, or if they are they like to feel they all share the same vision and exhibit the same courage on the same day. That way no one can be accused of getting it wrong.

It is not a very satisfactory market at present, and as regular readers will know I have consistently advised caution. The encouraging facts are that UK Ltd is in good nick, and the equity market is certainly not now overvalued, except on the "end of the world is nigh" view.

As I wrote last Saturday, 1,720-1,750 on the FT-SE index looks like a basement during the week this was tested and held. It is worth remembering the Rothschild dictum that you do not make money waiting to sell within 10 per cent of the peak or to buy within 10 per cent of the bottom.

You should be thinking about putting a toe in the water. Next week I might be rash enough to suggest a few places you might wriggle it!

# Leads for... with... Japan

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# GRADED OPTIONS

Table with columns for various stock options and their prices.

# Oil reserves up by 8% at Shell Group

The Royal Dutch/Shell Group found nearly twice as much oil as it produced last year, but ran down its gas reserves.

Its 1987 annual report, published yesterday, revealed that group oil reserves at the end of 1987 amounted to 8,400 million barrels - 630 million barrels (8 per cent) more than at the end of 1986, despite net production of 644 million barrels (1.77 million barrels per day).

Group gas reserves, in contrast, were run down by nearly 1,000 billion cubic feet (BCF) during the period to 39,000 BCF after production of 2,400 BCF.

British Petroleum's annual report shows that it, too, succeeded in increasing its reserves of oil, by a net 350 million barrels (7 per cent) to 5,000 million barrels.

# Stormgard diversifies with £6.7m takeover

Stormgard, the women's fashion and knitwear group, has continued diversifying into specialist market businesses by acquiring Hydro Dynamic Products for a cost of up to £6.7 million.

HDP manufactures and distributes cleaning materials and supplies for the printing and publishing industry. In the year to end-June, HDP made pretax profits, before non-recurring expenses, of £550,000 on a turnover of £3.38 million. Profits in the six months to the end of December were £325,000 on sales of £1.75 million.

An initial payment of £3.3 million will be made through the issue of new shares, which are being offered to existing shareholders on a one-for-four basis. The 33 million new shares being issued represent 51 per cent of the existing equity. The payment will be topped

# Terry & Sons assurance on resale pricing

Joseph Terry & Sons, the confectionery maker, has given an assurance to Sir Gordon Borrie, the director-general of Fair Trading, that it will not in future attempt to maintain minimum resale prices for its products.

The assurance comes after complaints to the Office of Fair Trading by Nurdin & Peacock, the cash-and-carry operator. Nurdin had claimed that Terry had threatened to withdraw bonuses if two of Terry's boxed chocolate lines - the 1lb versions of All God and Moonlight - were sold below specified prices.

Terry has agreed to write to its dealers saying they are free to sell its goods at whatever price they choose. However, it reminds dealers that it has rights to prevent them selling as loss-leaders.

# Opec under pressure to cut production

Oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting in Vienna today, are under pressure to try to regain control of world prices, after the latest figures show members have overshot their self-imposed production limit.

Prices are currently hovering around the \$15 (£8.03) a barrel mark, well below the \$18 average price Opec wanted to achieve. The meeting of Opec's five-member price-monitoring committee, which takes place as oversupply continues to dog the market and depress prices, could call an emergency meeting of all 13 member countries to decide on production cuts.

But this option was firmly ruled out on the eve of the talks by Opec officials, and Mr Ghanjar Kartasmita, the Indonesian oil minister, who foresaw no policy changes at all emerging this weekend. Statistics issued yesterday by the International Energy Agency, based in Paris, showed estimated Opec crude oil production averaging 17.6 million barrels per day last month, compared with 17.4 million the previous month. It noted that the 12 Opec countries with agreed quotas - Iraq remains outside the accord - pumped some 15.2 million barrels daily, exceeding their 15.06 million target. IEA attributed the overshoot mainly to increased output by Iran and the United Arab Emirates. But the Iranian oil minister, Mr Gholamreza Agazadeh, this week accused Saudi Arabia - backed by the United States - of deliberately wrecking the oil market, and issued an appeal to Opec members to stick to their quotas. Large world stocks of oil, plus the mild winter in the northern hemisphere, have pushed prices down, forcing producers to give substantial discounts on the \$18 price. Despite the reluctance for any serious movement before the summer, market talk has suggested co-ordinated output cuts by Opec and non-Opec members. But Mr Kartasmita, commenting on last December's price and output, said he did not think the ministers would decide anything. "We are here to review the oil market situation," he said. His words were reinforced by reports from Saudi Arabia that King Fahd had issued a personal appeal to all oil producers to support the \$18 price.

# Overheads discipline puts heart back into Brown Boveri Kent

There is nothing like revealing poor results on a Friday afternoon to sidestep the more acrimonious comments which are the inevitable consequence of reporting figures 35 per cent below the previous year and well below market expectations.

But Brown Boveri Kent has not lost heart, and sees its problems as a thing of the past. Securing contracts at suicidal margins in the competitive site services market had a devastating effect on profits in the control systems division. This activity has, however, now been severely curtailed, so its divisional sales should account for 20 per cent of the group total this year, compared with 27 per cent last year.

The slack will be taken up by the water meters business, which was the best performer in 1987, accounting for 28 per cent of sales and set to rise to 35 per cent in 1988.

Tighter disciplines have been implemented in both the general management of the group and, more specifically, on the overheads side. The benefits should come through this year, taking profits back to the levels enjoyed in 1986.

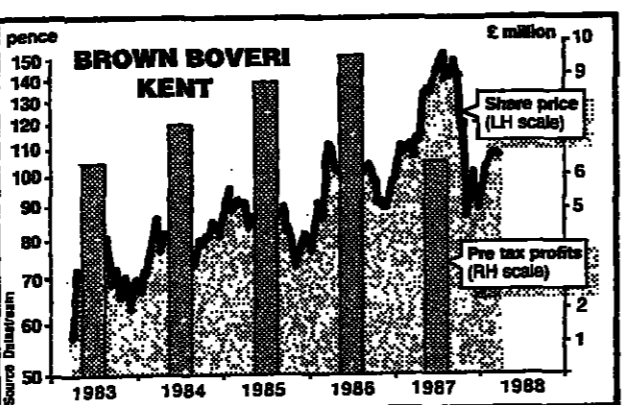
Currencies remain a risk, however, with the use of year-end rates having knocked at least £1 million off 1987 pretax profits.

The controlling holding by ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the European company, protects this group from a hostile takeover. But even this relatively benevolent parent may tire of the group if its performance continues to lag. Meanwhile, yesterday's share price fall takes most of the current uncertainty on board.

# S Jerome

S Jerome, the Yorkshire textiles and electronics group which reported strong preliminary results, looks set for another record year this year.

After a 61 per cent jump in pretax profits last year to £2.1 million on turnover of £24 million, analysts are looking for a further rise of about 20



per cent this year, to £2.5 million. Although it has successfully broken into the market for electronic security and communications equipment, Jerome remains primarily a spinning and weaving company, deriving 80 per cent of its turnover and 90 per cent of its profits from textiles.

Last year, the yarn dyeing division saw the installation of new high-tech colour matching equipment which reads colours, optically for colour matching and produces computerized dye recipes. Practically all coloured yarns are dyed to the customers' orders and Jerome stocks only white yarns in bulk.

The weaving side, which supplies cloth to "makers-up" for many high street stores, including Marks and Spencer, C&A and Burton, has benefited from a trend towards a smarter appearance, especially among men. Its cloth is used in the manufacture of men's and women's suits and casual wear.

After spending £2.7 million on new capital investment during the last five years, Jerome is planning to spend another £2 million this year - all of it on the textiles side. Fourteen new Sulzer weaving machines were delivered last week at a cost of nearly £1 million.

Meanwhile, the whole of its yarn manufacturing division has been running at maximum capacity and new spinning machines are scheduled for delivery at the end of this month.

The worst spinning activi-

ties are being relocated in Knaresborough, West Yorkshire, where the group has taken possession of a single storey building of 100,000 square feet and the new facilities should be in full production in July.

According to analysts, earnings per share could rise by 14 per cent to 27.9p, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of eight. The modest rating, combined with a prospective yield of 4.2, makes the shares attractive.

# Overseas traders

The overseas traders sector is becoming something of an anachronism. Its principle players could slip unnoticed into the growing "conglomerates" classification.

Given the constituent companies' broad range of activities and geographical spread, it is becoming increasingly difficult to use general factors to predict sector performance.

The sector's volatile performance over the last six months highlights this dilemma. Its exposure to currency movements and regions affected by the United States economy meant the sector fared badly in October's market crash. It was one of the worst performers by the year end.

Since then it has leapt back into favour, winning one of the top performing spots. This was partly a corrective move, as the sector had been marked

down rather indiscriminately. A more telling factor was the rash of stories on the stocks themselves.

A rising gold price pushed Lohrho higher while firmer palm oil prices underpinned Harrison's & Crosfield's shares. Now the pendulum has swung too far the other way, or so says Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker.

In its quarterly review of the sector, which also previews company results, BZW says that the relatively strong performance likely to surround the reporting season will provide a perfect opportunity to lighten holdings.

The broker does not overlook each company's strengths, but stresses that the overview on currencies and economies should not be forgotten. While acknowledging that talk of doom and gloom in the aftermath of the crash was overdue, the BZW analysis point out that the rate of growth in the countries and industries important to the overseas traders will seem poor, compared with 1987. BZW says that although companies using year-end exchange rates were hit when sterling appreciated in the final quarter, average rate translators will be affected this year. Thus the currency factor has not gone away, either. On the demand front, some commodities have been better performers, albeit from a low base, but cocoa and coffee have remained depressed while tea has marked time. BZW considers the sector to be about 10 per cent too high. Lohrho and Harrison's & Crosfield are on the "sell" list, as both shares are thought to be up with events, while Inchcape is rated no more than a hold. Polly Peck is the only one of the majors to justify a "buy" recommendation, but one suspects this is because the prospective p/e is less than six time earnings. Whatever happens, this sector is one worth watching over the next few months, as it should provide keen trading opportunities.

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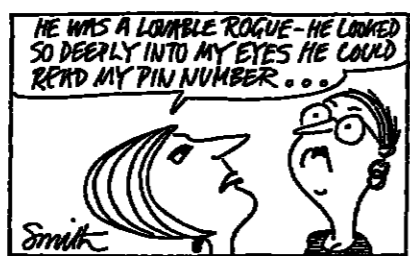
### A mortgage that changes with the bank rate

Mortgages where the interest rate is adjusted every three months in line with bank rates are now available from Citibank Savings at 9.45 per cent. But this is just the introductory offer. After three months, the rate will be adjusted to one per cent above the three-month Libor (London Interbank Offered Rate), which is 8.625 per cent.

For those who want to remortgage or who do not need the normal standards, the initial mortgage rate will be 9.70 per cent, rising to 1.25 per cent above Libor. Loans are for a minimum of £40,000 and 80 per cent of the value of the property. Borrowers can have up to three times the principal income plus a secondary income.

The problem: "There are no secrets here," said Jim Murgatroyd, the society's assistant general manager, adding that not one case of a "phantom withdrawal" has been found at the Halifax. During 1986-85 of a total of 103 reported "phantom" withdrawals involved ATMs near the card-holder's home, and the others could all be explained.

A Halifax official said: "If the computer system were spontaneously generating a withdrawal, this might be expected to occur anywhere." Many of the problems over phantom withdrawals occur because members of the family have access to the card-holder's PIN. Many people still do not heed the warning not to write their number in an obvious place;



one card found recently actually had the PIN written on it.

ATM Networks, published by Elsevier Advanced Technology Publications, priced £145

### New advice centres

The Yorkshire Building Society is to set up financial advice centres in some of its branches for the public to get advice on a wide range of financial problems. It aims to cover advice on taxation, conveyancing, general insurance, unit trust and share-dealing. Six of the society's 155 branches will be converted this year, in the Yorkshire area, and more advice centres will follow.

### Cash-cards stolen

In one year more than 13 per cent of the Halifax's cash-cards were reported lost or stolen, and 15 per cent of them had been used. This insight into the dangers of the automatic teller machine (ATM) network is reported in a recent survey, ATM Networks, their Organisation, Security and Future. The figures for missing ATM cards came from the Halifax because it was one of the few card-providers willing to talk about

### Guernsey breakthrough

Guernsey-based life assurance companies have the go-ahead to market their products on the UK mainland now that the island has "designated territory" status under Section 130 of the Financial Services Act. Authorities on the island had to satisfy the Department of Trade and Industry that its legislative framework provides protection for investors equivalent to that provided on the mainland.

### Fund bulletin launched

The Hill Samuel Portfolio fund of funds launched this week offers investors a quarterly investment bulletin and annual seminars around the country. The fund, which invests solely in Hill Samuel unit trusts, and has a minimum investment of £5,000, is aimed at those who do not have enough capital to qualify for bespoke investment-management services yet still want their portfolio actively managed. The initial management charge is 5 per cent and the annual charge 1.5 per cent, but there is no double-charging. All switches between funds are free of the initial charge, but there is still the bid-offer spread.

### Figure it out

"You may be a good fairy" writes one reader commenting on Family Money's Capital Gains Tax table, "but your arithmetic has gone to the dogs. The correct shares bought for £1,000 in January 1983 and sold in February this year would have an indexed value of £1,255. But, as everyone knows, £1,000 x 0.255 equals £255, not £1,255 as you wrote. The correct value of the original cost plus the adjustment for inflation, to calculate the original cost of your investment by the appropriate CGT allowance factor given in our table."

### Discount safety

Customers storing jewellery and valuables in the safe deposit centres owned by Metropolitan Safa Deposits are being offered world-wide all-risks insurance at up to a quarter the normal rate. The insurance, designed to protect valuables automatically when taken out of their boxes for up to 80 days, will cost £1 per £100 of cover instead of around £4 charged by insurers for all-risks cover in the highest-rated areas.

|                                      | Compounded   |                             | Min/max investment £ | Notice        | Contact     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|
|                                      | Nominal rate | return at tax rates 25% 40% |                      |               |             |
| <b>BANKS</b>                         |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| Ordinary Dep A/c <sup>1</sup>        | 2.50         | 2.50                        | 2.00                 | 1 min         | 0-7 day     |
| Girobank                             | 2.80         | 2.80                        | 2.25                 | 1 min         | 0-7 day     |
| Fixed Term Deposits:                 |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| National Westminster                 | 5.75         | 5.75                        | 4.00                 | 10,000-24,999 | 1 mth       |
| "                                    | 5.85         | 5.85                        | 4.71                 | 10,000-24,999 | 6 mth       |
| "                                    | 5.95         | 5.95                        | 4.26                 | 10,000-24,999 | 1 mth       |
| "                                    | 5.42         | 5.42                        | 4.34                 | 10,000-24,999 | 6 mth       |
| <b>BUILDING SOCIETIES</b>            |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| Ordinary A/c                         | 4.00         | 4.04                        | 3.23                 | 1 min         |             |
| Britannia                            | 6.15         | 6.15                        | 4.92                 | 250 min       |             |
| Bristol & West                       | 6.30         | 6.30                        | 5.04                 | 500 min       |             |
| Bradford & Bingley                   | 6.50         | 6.50                        | 5.20                 | 1,000 min     |             |
| Cheltenham & Gloucester              | 6.75         | 6.75                        | 5.40                 | 5,000 min     |             |
| Britannia <sup>2</sup>               | 7.05         | 7.05                        | 5.75                 | 10,000 min    |             |
| Northern Rock <sup>3</sup>           | 7.20         | 7.20                        | 5.75                 | 20,000 min    |             |
| Nationwide Non-Resid <sup>4</sup>    | 8.75         | 8.75                        | 7.00                 | 1 min         |             |
| <b>MONEY FUNDS</b>                   |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| Aitken Hume Monthly Inc              | 5.83         | 5.99                        | 4.79                 | 1,000 min     | 01-638 6070 |
| Allied Arab HICA                     | 6.49         | 6.69                        | 5.35                 | 3,000 min     | 01-629 8902 |
| Bank Of Scotland                     | 5.94         | 6.08                        | 4.86                 | 2,500 min     | 01-628 8090 |
| Barclays High Rate Dep               | 5.75         | 5.89                        | 4.70                 | 1,000 min     | 01-626 1567 |
| "                                    | 5.95         | 6.07                        | 4.81                 | 10,000 min    | 01-626 1567 |
| Britannia High Interest              | 5.95         | 6.11                        | 4.89                 | 2,500 min     | 01-628 2777 |
| Citibank Money Mkt Plus <sup>1</sup> | 5.50         | 5.64                        | 4.51                 | 1,000 min     | 01-741 4941 |
| HFC Trust & Savings                  | 6.75         | 6.98                        | 5.78                 | 5,000 min     | 01-236 8391 |
| Henderson Cheque A/c                 | 5.94         | 6.08                        | 4.55                 | 2,500 min     | 01-638 5757 |
| L & G High Int Deposit               | 6.00         | 6.09                        | 4.55                 | 1,000 min     | 01-388 3211 |
| Lloyds Investment A/c <sup>1</sup>   | 6.40         | 6.40                        | 5.25                 | 5,000 min     | 01-407 1000 |
| M&G HICA                             | 5.00         | 5.12                        | 4.21                 | 1,000 min     | 01-407 1000 |
| Midland HICA                         | 5.95         | 6.11                        | 4.89                 | 2,500 min     | 01-626 4588 |
| "                                    | 5.50         | 5.61                        | 4.49                 | 2,000 min     | 0742 52800  |
| "                                    | 6.00         | 6.14                        | 4.91                 | 10,000 min    | 0742 52800  |
| Nat West Special Reserve             | 5.75         | 5.88                        | 4.70                 | 2,000 min     | 01-726 1000 |
| "                                    | 5.88         | 6.01                        | 4.81                 | 10,000 min    | 01-726 1000 |
| Oppenheimer Money Mgmt               | 6.88         | 6.08                        | 4.86                 | 1,000 min     | 01-236 9362 |
| "                                    | 6.88         | 6.18                        | 4.94                 | 10,000 min    | 01-236 9362 |
| Phillips & Drew HICA                 | 6.14         | 6.28                        | 5.02                 | 2,500 min     | 01-628 9771 |
| Provincial Bank C/A                  | 6.38         | 6.56                        | 5.25                 | 1,000 min     | 061-8289011 |
| Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c            | 5.94         | 6.08                        | 4.86                 | 2,500 min     | 081-5570201 |
| S & P Classic                        | 5.95         | 5.91                        | 4.85                 | 500 min       | 0708 765006 |
| Scottish Bank                        | 5.75         | 5.80                        | 4.54                 | 2,500 min     | 0705 827735 |
| TSB HICA                             | 5.50         | 5.73                        | 4.62                 | 2,000 min     | 01-806 7070 |
| Tyndall Call                         | 6.09         | 6.23                        | 4.98                 | 2,500 min     | 0272 732241 |
| Tyndall 7-day                        | 6.12         | 6.26                        | 5.01                 | 2,500 min     | 0272 732241 |
| UDT 7-day                            | 6.24         | 6.25                        | 5.00                 | 5,000 min     | 01-626 4681 |
| Western Trust                        | 6.06         | 6.23                        | 4.98                 | 2,500 min     | 0752 261161 |
| <b>NATIONAL SAVINGS</b>              |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| Ordinary A/c <sup>1</sup>            | 5.00         | 3.75                        | 2.25                 | 1-10,000      | 8 day       |
| Investment A/c <sup>2</sup>          | 8.50         | 6.38                        | 3.83                 | 5-100,000     | 1 mth       |
| Income Bond <sup>3</sup>             | 10.50        | 7.85                        | 4.79                 | 2,000-100,000 | 3 mth       |
| Deposit Bond <sup>4</sup>            | 10.50        | 7.85                        | 4.73                 | 100-100,000   | 3 mth       |
| 33rd Issue Cert <sup>5</sup>         | 7.00         | 7.00                        | 7.00                 | 25-1,000      | 8 day       |
| Yearly Plan <sup>6</sup>             | 7.00         | 7.00                        | 7.00                 | 200-200/mth   | 14 day      |
| General Extension Rate <sup>7</sup>  | 5.76         | 5.76                        | 5.76                 |               |             |
| <b>GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS</b>       |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| General portfolio                    | 7.50         | 7.50                        | 6.00                 | 1,000 min     | 1 yr        |
| General portfolio                    | 7.50         | 7.50                        | 6.00                 | 1,000 min     | 2 yrs       |
| General portfolio                    | 7.50         | 7.50                        | 6.00                 | 1,000 min     | 3 yrs       |
| American life                        | 8.00         | 8.00                        | 6.40                 | 1,000 min     | 5 yrs       |
| Blackhorse life                      | 8.25         | 8.25                        | 6.40                 | 2,000 min     | 4 yrs       |
| <b>FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS</b>     |              |                             |                      |               |             |
| Sterling                             | 7.84         | -                           | -                    | 7 day         | 0481 26741  |
| US Dollar                            | 5.81         | -                           | -                    | 7 day         | 0481 26741  |
| Yen                                  | 3.23         | -                           | -                    | 7 day         | 0481 26741  |
| D Mark                               | 2.32         | -                           | -                    | 7 day         | 0481 26741  |
| French Franc                         | 6.61         | -                           | -                    | 7 day         | 0481 26741  |
| Swiss Franc                          | 6.57         | -                           | -                    | 7 day         | 0481 26741  |

### TOP TEN AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

£100 invested from April 1 1987 to April 1 1988

| Fund                            | Value  | % |
|---------------------------------|--------|---|
| Hill Samuel Japanese Technology | 154.80 |   |
| Baring Japan                    | 148.50 |   |
| Cannon Japan                    | 138.70 |   |
| Guinness Mahon High Income      | 133.40 |   |
| Royal Trust Preference Share    | 132.20 |   |
| Dunedin Japan Smaller Cos       | 131.80 |   |
| NM Schroder Japan Smaller Cos   | 130.00 |   |
| MIM Britannia Japan Smaller Cos | 129.50 |   |
| NM Schroder Tokyo               | 129.40 |   |
| Fidelity Japan Special Sits     | 127.5  |   |

### Prices up down under

Australian unit trusts bounced back in March as "mad as a hatter" commodity prices fed through to the stock market, according to Opal Statistics.

The top-performing trust over the month was SIM Australasian, which increased in value by 17.5 per cent, on an offer-to-offer basis says Opal, writes Maria Scott. The average return in the Australasian sector was 9.7 per cent.

David Hitchins, investment manager of Australasian and gold funds with M & G, explained that share prices in Australasia took a particularly heavy hammering during the crash in October and were slow to respond when markets elsewhere started to rally early this year.

The recent turnaround has been fuelled by demand for commodities, a mainstay of the Australian economy. The Australian All-Ordinaries index rose 9.1 per cent between January 4 and March 31. The price of nickel, used in the manufacture of stainless steel, has nearly quadrupled this year.

Opal warns that despite the good one-month performance, from the Australasian sector, the one-year return still shows a loss of 39.3 per cent.

Japanese trusts faltered in March. Half the trusts in this sector reported a loss in the month, although over one year, Japanese trusts still dominate, as the table shows.

Michael Thomas of the Japanese department at stockbrokers Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers believes that the hiccup in March is caused by technical factors rather than underlying problems.

More than 30 per cent of the Tokyo Nikkei index consists of financial stocks, which have moved sharply upwards recently, playing a large part in driving the index up.

### NATIONAL SAVINGS

|                                     | 5.00  | 3.75 | 2.25 | 1-10,000      | 8 day  | 041-6494555 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------|---------------|--------|-------------|
| Ordinary A/c <sup>1</sup>           | 8.50  | 6.38 | 3.83 | 5-100,000     | 1 mth  | 041-6494555 |
| Investment A/c <sup>2</sup>         | 10.50 | 7.85 | 4.79 | 2,000-100,000 | 3 mth  | 0253 65151  |
| Income Bond <sup>3</sup>            | 10.50 | 7.85 | 4.73 | 100-100,000   | 3 mth  | 041-6494555 |
| Deposit Bond <sup>4</sup>           | 7.00  | 7.00 | 7.00 | 25-1,000      | 8 day  | 081-3864900 |
| Yearly Plan <sup>5</sup>            | 7.00  | 7.00 | 7.00 | 200-200/mth   | 14 day | 081-3864900 |
| General Extension Rate <sup>7</sup> | 5.76  | 5.76 | 5.76 |               |        |             |

### GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

|                   | 7.50 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 1,000 min | 1 yr  | 0922 31971  |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| General portfolio | 7.50 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 1,000 min | 2 yrs | 0922 31971  |
| General portfolio | 7.50 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 1,000 min | 3 yrs | 0922 31971  |
| American life     | 8.00 | 8.00 | 6.40 | 1,000 min | 5 yrs | 01 680 6000 |
| Blackhorse life   | 8.25 | 8.25 | 6.40 | 2,000 min | 4 yrs | 0834 405181 |

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| French Franc | 6.57 | - | - | 7 day | 0481 26741 |
| Swiss Franc  | 6.57 | - | - | 7 day | 0481 26741 |

### UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

|                        | Bd    | Offer | Chng  | Ytd | Bd | Offer | Chng | Ytd |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|------|-----|
| ALTA LIFE INSURANCE    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Barclays               | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Baring                 | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Cannon                 | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Guinness               | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Hill Samuel            | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| M&G                    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| NM Schroder            | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Oppenheimer            | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Phillips & Drew        | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Provincial             | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| S & P Classic          | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Scottish               | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| TSB                    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Tyndall                | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| UDT                    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Western                | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |

### ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE

|                | Bd    | Offer | Chng  | Ytd | Bd | Offer | Chng | Ytd |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|------|-----|
| Equity Fund    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Income Fund    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Property Fund  | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Worldwide Fund | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |

### SCOTTISH EQUITY

|                | Bd    | Offer | Chng  | Ytd | Bd | Offer | Chng | Ytd |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|------|-----|
| Equity Fund    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Income Fund    | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Property Fund  | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Worldwide Fund | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |

### UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

|                     | Bd    | Offer | Chng  | Ytd | Bd | Offer | Chng | Ytd |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|------|-----|
| ALTA LIFE INSURANCE | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Barclays            | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Baring              | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Cannon              | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
| Guinness            | 11.90 | 12.25 | +0.14 |     |    |       |      |     |
|                     |       |       |       |     |    |       |      |     |



# FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

## Hope on the way

The cut in bank lending rates yesterday by a further half point to 8 per cent makes it almost certain that those banks and building societies that have not yet cut their rates in response to the last half-point cut in Budget week will now move.

For instance, Abbey National, whose rate is still 10.1, says the rate is under active review.

The Halifax, which was the first building society to announce a cut for new borrowers but held back from announcing a new rate for existing borrowers, said yesterday that they would get a reduction to 9.7 per cent or perhaps an even lower rate from May 1.

There can be disappointments in pursuing the cheapest mortgage available. Paul Murphy has just completed a commission in the Army and is moving from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, to Nottingham to take up a job with a financial services company.

Paul, 31, and his wife Fiona, 27, an economics and government lecturer, wanted a

down and the people in London have no leeway to operate outside those criteria. I would have thought we were just the sort of people they wanted to do business with. House prices in some parts of the North, especially the east coast around Lincolnshire, are experiencing fast-moving house prices.

"But they said they do not want to branch out too quickly. They seem to have no flexibility at all."

Neil MacGregor, Sumitomo's assistant general manager in charge of mortgages, denied the bank was operating a red-lining policy that rules out the entire North of England. He said: "Red-lining is not about providing a service. We believe we have to be in a position to deal with customers. We want them to be able to come in and see us and not have to deal with us on the telephone."

Sumitomo has a branch office in Birmingham - yet it will not lend on property in Birmingham. It says it aims to lend in the South-West and Midlands soon.

"The only way to keep the interest rate down is by controlling costs," said Mr MacGregor. "If we expand before we have people capable of coping, things could get out of hand."

Mr MacGregor added: "I come from the North myself. I would not discriminate against the North of England."

The building societies used to be accused of red-lining whole chunks of Britain with the poorest housing. But in 1975, after local authorities were prevented from giving home loans, building societies had to set aside sums for



Disappointed: Mr and Mrs Murphy were refused their loan

people referred by local councils. These loans tended to go to people who would have been refused a loan in the past, and so the red-line policy came crumbling down.

### Automatic policy against the North

The move to the rehabilitation of old houses and gentrification of run-down inner-city areas helped to end the policy. It is ironic that now some of the dearest property - in the East End of London, for instance - would have been outside building society lending zones 15 years ago.

Adrian Coles, of the Building Societies Association, maintains that almost all the new lenders, by which he means banks rather than

building societies, run an automatic red-lining policy against the North of England, where prices are lower than in the South-East, by imposing high minimum loans of £30,000 or £40,000.

Sumitomo has a minimum loan of £30,000, National Australia £40,000, and Allied Arab Bank £50,000.

Chase Manhattan Bank, whose minimum is £25,000, will not lend in Scotland or Northern Ireland. "House prices and income levels in Northern Ireland would not meet our lending criteria," said a spokesman. But the bank intends moving into Scotland. It says it is not lending there at the moment because of the different legal system.

Vivien Goldsmith

## Axe hangs over pension loans

Pension mortgages appear poised to go the way of all good tax breaks. The Inland Revenue is taking a tough line on the way they will be marketed under the new pensions regime.

Ian Thomson, joint marketing manager for Scottish Widows, says pension mortgages could become extinct.

The Revenue is unhappy about the advantages being used for purposes other than those for which they are meant - providing for retirement.

Pension mortgages have been most popular among the self-employed and those without access to a company pension scheme. The pension contracts, known as Section 226 contracts, used to provide pensions for these people, have allowed the life companies to link them to mortgages with impunity because regulations state that Section 226s must be used mainly to provide a pension.

The new personal pensions coming on to the market from July 1 must be used exclusively for retirement benefits.

A Revenue spokesman explains that this does not mean people cannot use the lump sum from their maturing pension contract to repay their mortgage. But the Revenue would look twice at a pension scheme openly promoting a facility for linking to a mortgage.

Although in theory it will be possible to use a personal pension to pay off a mortgage, life companies are already envisaging great difficulty in marketing them without falling foul of the Revenue.

Increasingly, lenders are willing to use the proceeds of company pension schemes for repayment of home loans and there is concern that the Revenue may get tough here too. This week the Confederation of British Industry warned employers to tread carefully in case the Revenue took a hard look at tax approval on schemes that promoted the use of the benefits to repay mortgages.

A pension mortgage works in a similar way to an endowment scheme. The borrower pays interest to the lender but pays premiums to a life company in return for a pension. The pension lump sum on retirement can be used to pay off the original mortgage and there is a pension as well.

The borrower receives tax relief on the mortgage interest and on the premiums paid to the life company. Money invested by the life company also enjoys the privilege of being able to roll up tax-free.

According to the Abbey National, a man aged 30 with a £30,000 mortgage spanning 30 years will pay £228.78 a month for a pension mortgage at a 25 per cent tax rate. If he pays 40 per cent tax he will pay £220.90. For this he can expect to build up benefits to pay off the mortgage and possibly get a cash surplus as well as an annual pension.

A couple with the same sized mortgage over 30 years will pay slightly more per month for a low-cost endowment or repayment mortgage than the man who plans to repay his loan from a pension plan.

Maria Scott

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### No loans outside the South-East

£56,000 loan to buy a £62,000 house. But when they approached Sumitomo Bank, which aims to expand its business in Britain by having the most competitive rate - at present 9.4 per cent - they discovered what looked like a red-lining policy. Sumitomo would not lend outside the South-East.

Mr Murphy said: "It seems the decisions are made in Japan. The criteria are handed

**BASE LENDING RATES**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| ABN                    | 10.5 |
| Adem & Company         | 10.5 |
| BCCI                   | 10.5 |
| Compass Bank           | 10.5 |
| Compass Bank           | 10.5 |
| C. Hoare & Co          | 10.5 |
| Hang Seng & Shanghai   | 10.5 |
| Lloyds Bank            | 10.5 |
| Nat Westminster        | 10.5 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 10.5 |
| TSE                    | 10.5 |
| CoBank NA              | 10.5 |

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### Preference Shares

Preference shares are fixed interest securities which are issued by companies, usually with no fixed repayment date. They offer higher yields than gilts and greater potential for capital growth, particularly if the stock is repaid early or the company is taken over - there have been many examples of this in recent years and we expect the trend to continue.

### Convertibles

Convertibles are also issued by companies and, like most fixed interest investments, provide a fixed level of income and repayment of capital on a specified date. However, they also offer the unique option of conversion into the issuing company's ordinary shares. Because of their high yield and guaranteed repayment date, convertibles tend to hold up much better than ordinary shares in a falling equity market, whereas they tend to follow closely when the market rises.

### Other Fixed Interest Stocks

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LETTERS

You can leave it behind

I have recently been seeing some new "financial advisers". They suggest my wife and I change the ownership of our house (worth, say, £80,000) from joint tenancy to a tenancy-in-common basis and we should then alter our will so that on the first death, one half of the value of the house would be given in trust to our three children.

They say that this will not have any adverse effects and would still allow the survivor to sell and buy a different house at will. The change would, they say, reduce inheritance tax by £17,200.

I had always thought that there were no simple ways of reducing the liability for inheritance tax.

I am almost 72 and my wife 71, the children are 42 (twins) and 35. Our total assets are just short of £200,000, including the house.

K. DURROW, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne

Your inquiry is interesting because, in a sense, it goes to the heart of the working of English law. The immediate point is that if you and your wife hold as joint tenants, then on the death of the first, the deceased's share of the property passes to the other spouse automatically.

This transfer of value is free of tax (being a transfer between spouses), but it does add to the value of the estate of the surviving spouse.

But if you and your wife hold your shares in the property as "tenants in common," each of you has the right to dispose of your share of the property to whomever you would wish to benefit. At that point, inheritance tax (if any) would be payable only on half the value of the property then passing, leaving the other half of the property in the hands of the surviving spouse for disposal on his/her death.

Both spouses are entitled to leave an amount of their estate free of inheritance tax regardless of who receives it. This amount varies with each Budget and may be reduced by gifts made in the seven years prior to death, but is now £110,000.

Where one spouse dies leaving his or her entire estate to the survivor, or dies in possession of a very small estate, this tax-free amount is wasted. The idea of adopting a "tenancy in common" is to give both spouses an estate which they can leave outside their marriage.

If it were possible to divide your combined estates equally between you and leave each share separately to your children, then on the figures you give no inheritance tax would be payable at any stage.

It could be wrong to leave so little wealth in the hands of the surviving spouse that he or she suffers financial hardship. Another difficulty is that dividing ownership between the survivor and the children, can create problems in family relationships.

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I have, inherited from my grandmother, a bond entitled "Government of the Chinese Republic - 5% Gold Loan of 1913 Lung-Tsing-U-Hai Railway - of £10,000,000 Sterling - Bond for £20", plus a complete set of half-yearly coupons from July 1 1940 to January 1 1961.

I remember reading somewhere that the Government has opened a register of old Chinese bonds, with a view to eventual partial redemption. Could you please let me know where and by what time the information has to be sent?

In view of the fact that the face value of the bond is only £20, is it worth my while to do anything in this matter? Or is the bond of any value as a collector's item? If the latter is the case, who could give a valuation of it or buy it?

ANNE M. ELKAN (MRS), Bishop's Road, Cambridge CB2 2NH

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D P LISTER Secretary Surrey Street Norwich



Shooting the rapids: It's exciting for the participants but it has to be safe

Making holidays safer

Parents have until next Friday to add their comments on safety precautions for children on adventure holidays and other play schemes to those of the experts, writes Vivien Goldsmith.

The Austrian accident in which four schoolboys died this week has highlighted the need for some checks on adventure schemes. At present there are insufficient checks and legal standards imposed on centres in this country.

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Adventure holidays are big business. PGL, which has been running for 30 years, expects to entertain 50,000 children this summer in 21 centres in the UK, plus others on the Continent. The holidays cost from £39 for a weekend or £159 for a week, but special-interest holidays can be a lot more expensive. A week-long motor-sport holiday costs £225.

Comments on proposed legislation should be sent to CS3C, DHSS, Room B1409, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6BY

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Good payers can lose out

Debra Bunt had a bill for £646 because she prematurely redeemed the mortgage on her south-east London flat. It is bad enough, she says, that the company, Mortgage Express, part of the TSB Group, operates a redemption-penalty policy, but she believes she should not have to pay anything at all because she had tried in vain to re-mortgage with the company.

Mortgage Express has looked at the case since it was brought to its attention by Family Money and has decided to waive the fee as a goodwill gesture. Mortgage Express's policy is that whenever a mortgage is redeemed before the end of its term there is a penalty of two months' interest in lieu of notice - but in the first two years the penalty for early redemption is three months' interest in lieu of notice.

The continued existence of early-redemption penalties is an anachronism in today's fiercely competitive market. The bigger building societies scrapped them long ago, sacrificing any loss for greater flexibility in the eyes of potential borrowers.

The Woolwich, for instance, deemed penalties "not equitable" and replaced them in 1970 with a flat-rate charge (now £15). The Abbey National said that though still included in mortgage clauses, "penalties were no longer operated".

The Big Four banks have followed the larger societies to compete for mortgage business. But penalties still thrive among smaller building societies.

The traditional early-redemption charge is an extra three months' interest, usually in lieu of notice. However, what constitutes "early" varies enormously. Town and Country Building Society is one of many smaller lenders whose current early-redemption penalty period is a staggering five years. So two single people repaying £60,000 after four years would, at 1987-88 rates (basic rate tax relief at 27 per cent, mortgage interest at 10.1 per cent) be charged £1,106 extra. For a married couple, this rises to £1,311.

Penalties are waived if borrowers decide to sell within a month of a rate rise. T & C's managing director, Ian Bell, says extra interest charges amounted to £17 million last year (25 per cent of profits). He added: "There is no commercial pressure to review existing policy."

The Mortgage Corporation for instance, charges three months' interest but only on redemption within the first 12 months. Why the difference?

Rob Skinner at Nationwide Anglia offers a clue. "We believed flexibility was more important in a growing



Debra Bunt and son Daniek caught by a mortgage early-redemption clause

market and abolished penalties in the mid-70s," he said. "However, some lenders realize that borrowers are attracted by this flexibility and so try to lock clients into their product."

Tom Haines, of the Leamington Spa Building Society, which also has a five-year period, agreed. "Our policy is justified by the higher risk element in our lending," he said. "Today, and in the days of mortgage famine, potential borrowers could get a mortgage here after being turned down elsewhere."

"We cater for many first-time buyers and 100 per cent mortgages and put our faith in many borrowers without sufficient status at other institutions."

"The problem is that after two or three years of solid repayments, we have effectively given them the status to go elsewhere and, thus, feel no

quails at trying to recover some of our costs."

According to Paul Marks, of brokers Chase de Vere, the charges are not always unfair. Administration costs can be particularly burdensome for smaller lenders.

He insisted that a five-year penalty period is unwarranted, especially for "bread and butter" mortgages. He added: "Twelve months is quite normal and even two years, at a pinch, but longer is inappropriate unless it's a special deal."

Special deals are usually tailored policies aimed at specific groups. They frequently contain early-redemption penalties. The new Lloyd's fixed-rate home loan, backed by a Black Horse Life unit-linked policy, for instance, carries a two-month interest charge if redeemed before July 1991.

Steven Duane

Where Monday's benefits squeeze will hit families

Income Support (IS), a new form of Supplementary Benefit (SB), comes into effect on Monday. It will be restricted to those working for no more than 24 hours a week, whereas the old rules allowed claimants to work for up to 30 hours a week. When married people apply for IS they will be excluded if either partner exceeds the 24-hour limit.

Those with savings of £5,000 or more will not qualify for the benefit; the old limit was £3,000. However, for each £250 in excess of £3,000 the claimant holds, it will be assumed he or she is receiving £1 a week in income, ie £3,250 equals £1, £3,500 equals £2.

The £3,000 includes all capital, whether or not it generates any income, including Premium Bonds and National Savings Certificates, but not the value of the home and personal possessions.

The amount of IS paid will be the difference between the person's income and the "applicable amount" in their case. Income will be counted on a net basis with a small sum disregarded - £5 for single people, £10 for a couple, and £15 for a disabled person, lone parent or long-term jobless.

A claimant's applicable amount is made up of three elements: personal allowance, children allowances and premium payments.

Personal allowances are related to age and marital status. Although rates are shown for 16 and 17-year-olds, the new Social Security Act will make it almost impossible for this age group to claim IS.

The Government believes young people should continue to be treated as dependent on their parents - who will be able to continue claiming child benefit - until they enter a Youth Training Scheme.

A child's personal allowance will not be paid in respect of any child of the family where the child itself holds

capital in excess of £3,000.

Extra "premiums" may be added to the personal allowances. Some premiums can be paid in addition to others while some are in an either/or category.

The Family Premium (FP) is paid regardless of the number of children and comes on top of any other premium.

The Disabled Child Premium (DCP) is paid when a child receives Attendance or Mobility Allowance or is registered blind. It applies for each disabled child and can be paid on top of any other premium.

The Lone Parent, Disability, Pensioner and Higher Pensioner premiums are all "clearest group" premiums and a claimant can be awarded only one of them, whichever is the highest, so a disabled lone parent would be paid only the disability premium.

A claimant or partner who is aged 60-79 can qualify for the Pensioner Premium - the couple rate applies where one or both are 60 or over. The Higher Pensioner Premium applies where the claimant or partner is 80 or over, or where either is over 60 and registered blind or receiving a special benefit for disability.

Those receiving income support may still get help with housing costs. But from next week there will be no separate allowance for water rates or, in the case of owner-occupiers, maintenance and insurance. This comes on top of the new rules set in January 1987 which limit payment of mortgage interest by the DSS for new claimants under 60 to half the amount due for the first 16 weeks of benefit.

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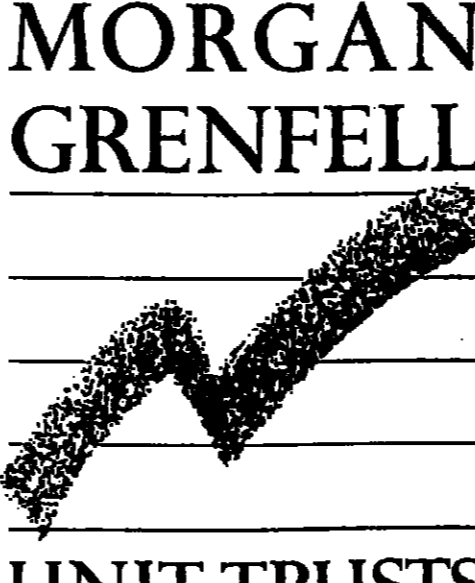
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All aglow in Glasgow

I think it's about time someone took Glasgow in hand. Those of us who have fond memories of the city from the early 1970s as a refuge from the trammels of polite society are becoming distraught at the disappearance of our place of asylum.

After all, living in a Garden City this year and Europe's Capital of Culture next must be bad for the sensibilities of those many Glaswegians who like nothing better than being lodged in a dark and dismal bar where they can glow at the world from behind a pint of "heavy".

Take Blythswood Square, which used to be an honest-to-goodness slum. Now the place has been transformed and boasts the palatial premises of Price Waterhouse and Peat Marwick McLintock, not to mention 3i.

In their smart, refurbished offices overlooking pleasant, cared-for gardens, they look like outfits on the move in a region which is going determinedly upwards. No longer is it acceptable to be down-at-heel (let alone a dram over the limit) in these glittering surroundings.

The truth is, seriously, that you can see signs of revival everywhere in the centre of the city. They are most obvious, however, in the massive regeneration across the business quarter.

Archie Hunter, who runs Peat's Glasgow practice, declares that he is now being lunched by London merchant bankers as never before, and David Ross of Biggart, Ballie and Gifford points to the West of Scotland Science Park and the Centre for Japanese Studies at Stirling University as being the kind of magnets which are constantly drawing in new clients from overseas.

Even so, just how far this progress will extend I cannot tell. My recent visit coincided with the announcement that Ford was to drop its Dundee investment and all the lawyers and accountants to whom I spoke were bitter at the news.

The top professional firms in Glasgow undertake work throughout Scotland and the Dundee debacle was definitely bad for business. "Inward investment" from England, Japan, and America provides a lot of the most juicy transactions and assignments and is the main source of new, heavy-weight clients.

But as David Semple of the lawyers Bird Semple Fyfe Ireland WS commented: "All the goodwill generated by the district council and by the Scottish Development Agency can be so easily dissipated by this kind of Ford incident." Indeed, the fact that so much seemed to hang on the fate of 500 jobs perhaps showed just how delicate the region's new-found "prosperity" might be.

But while it is clear that the battle for

Glasgow's future has still a long way to go, the professional infrastructure of financial and legal expertise is now in place and ready to take on substantial work. With the exception of one traditional Scottish accountancy firm, Scott Oswald & Co, the local accountancy scene is dominated by the Big Eight, and as Mike Stanley of Arthur Andersen commented: "There is a very big gap between the top eight or nine firms and the rest."

The reason for this is primarily that in the last few years the major firms are now focusing attention on Glasgow and taking it seriously as an industrial and

Communications are now so easy that it is questionable whether Glasgow and Edinburgh should be operated as two separate markets, says Edward Fennell

commercial centre. As Gordon Anderson of Price Waterhouse explained: "PW has been in Glasgow for 40 years but until the mid-1970s the office was simply a small outpost of London. Then, however, people woke up to Scotland's potential and the whole operation began to grow."

PW is shortly to move up to five partners, although this still puts the company towards the bottom of the Big Eight league table in terms of size. But, of course, its strength is that, unlike local firms, it can draw on its massive resources for back-up.

"I've just had my first inquiry about 1992 and the single European market", said Mr Anderson. "It's not a subject I'm an expert on but I was able to bring in one of my colleagues in Brussels to discuss the matter. And that is why many of the local successful firms have come to us. We can offer services which smaller firms can't match."

What has significantly boosted PW's business, however, is the Guinness takeover of Distillers. As a leading member of the Glasgow scene, Distillers traditionally took its books to Arthur Young, the darling of the Establishment, whose own history is intimately linked with Glasgow's great days as an industrial giant.

However, following the takeover the audit was promptly whisked away from AY and transferred to PW because of its established place within the Guinness firmament. No doubt, when the full story of the Guinness affair is written, the respective roles of the two accountancy firms will merit a footnote or two.

Meanwhile, takeovers, mergers, and amalgamations have also been very

much on the minds of the lawyers. McGregor Donald, probably the largest partnership in the city, was brought into existence in 1985 through the merger of McGregor, Donald & Co with Moncreiff Warren Patterson & Co. And Bird Semple, one of the next in size, was formed in 1987 by the merger of two long-established law firms from Glasgow and Edinburgh.

In terms of future development and growth, it is the "Edinburgh factor" which comes through time and time again. Traditionally, Glasgow lawyers deal with industry while their Edinburgh cousins look after finance, but because Scotland's Central Belt is fairly compact and communications are so easy it is now questionable whether the two cities should operate as two separate markets.

As matters stand, purely Glasgow operations suffer from the disadvantage that they cannot brief counsel to appear in the Supreme Court. Only Edinburgh-based practices can do that. As a result, the hallmark of top firms is now whether or not they are represented on both the east and west coasts.

For example, one of the main reasons for creating Bishop and Robertson Chalmers, with its 19 partners, in 1986 was in order quickly to become a major player on the legal stage, with offices in both Edinburgh and Glasgow and to enjoy the right of briefing counsel directly without going through the third party.

Whether a Glasgow-Edinburgh axis will be the limit of the top firms' ambitions remains to be seen. Mike Stanley of Arthur Andersen reckons that it can only be a matter of time before the really serious ones start appearing in London in order to "complete the triangle" and stop the more lucrative Scottish business hemorrhaging out to the English jurisdiction.

Already McRoberts has an office in Victoria Street in London, albeit not permanently staffed, and as more sophisticated marketing is undertaken by the Scottish firms it is likely that some of them will go south of the border to establish a London presence.

Certainly the mood among the lawyers I met was keen to take on new challenges. They were all anxious to snap out of the slightly dozy torpor which has been the reputation of Glasgow lawyers.

As a sign of their progressive attitudes, most of them have already installed the computer hardware to enable them to take on quick-turn-round, high-level work. And Bird Semple even has what it claims is the first video-conferencing facility for lawyers in the UK (and maybe even in the world) to keep in contact with its new Edinburgh colleagues.

In fact, there was evidence all round of the glitter of commercial bravura. But what's really needed now is the glow of long-term industrial investment.

Year and day rule applies to coroners

Regina v Coroner for Inner West London, Ex parte De Luca

Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Hutchinson [Judgment March 30]

The passage of more than one year and one day between the act of the deceased causing his death and his death itself precluded a coroner from giving a verdict that the deceased killed himself.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing the verdict of the coroner for Inner West London that the cause of Lewis Victor De Luca's death was (a) bronchopneumonia (b) gunshot wound of the brain and that he killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed. The application was brought by the deceased's father, Leonard John Ronald De Luca.

Mr John Zieger for the applicant; the coroner did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that deceased had locked himself in his bedroom. He was found lying unconscious on the floor. No one else was in the room. He had his airgun beside him and a pellet had been fired into his left temple.

Over the next year he underwent intensive treatment and a series of operations. At times he appeared to have made a considerable recovery, at others he relapsed into unconsciousness. It would seem that during that period he showed a will to live. He died thirteen months after his injury.

The coroner concluded that

the airgun had not been fired accidentally and, inferentially, that the deceased had intended to kill himself.

The application did not turn on the facts. The applicant had not been granted leave to challenge those conclusions. Only the question of law was in issue.

It was an essential ingredient of the crime of murder that the victim die within a year and a day of the "wound or hurt" being inflicted: see *Coke's Institutes* (Pt III (1797) p47). It had by analogy been applied to manslaughter: see *R v Dizon* ([1908] 2 KB 454).

It seemed plain that the rule was also imported into the statutory crime of infanticide, because, from section 1(1) of the Infanticide Act 1938 it seemed to follow that if more than a year and a day had passed between the act and the death, the defendant could not be convicted of infanticide because she could not have been convicted of murder.

Relevant also was the position of those who did not take their own lives but were involved in the conduct of one who did. It would seem that a conviction of manslaughter under section 4(1) of the Homicide Act 1957, as on any other, would require that the death had occurred within a year and a day of the act causing it.

His Lordship accordingly agreed with the law as stated by the editors of *Jervis on Coroners*

(9th edition (1957)), the last edition published before the passing of the Suicide Act 1961, at p229, that "In suicide, as in other forms of criminal homicide, the death must take place within a year and a day of the act being done".

The 1961 Act abrogated the rule of law whereby it was a crime for a party to commit suicide. It did not however, legitimise suicide.

His Lordship said that if he was right to have concluded that the year and a day rule applied to suicide when it was a crime, it seemed that it must still apply not only where a party was charged with manslaughter under section 4(1) of the Homicide Act 1957 but also where he was charged under section 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961.

Against that background it was possible to take two possible views. One was that taken by the coroner as summarised by him. The year and a day rule was an anomalous relic of a (no doubt fully justified) distrust of medical science in mediaeval times.

It might have provided a useful if arbitrary rule of thumb where crime was concerned. It should not be extended into a field where no criminal liability was involved so as to preclude an objective scientific inquiry by a coroner into how, when and where the deceased came by his death and the giving a verdict of suicide where that was established on the facts.

The alternative argument was that urged by the applicant. Suicide might as such have ceased to be a crime but it had not lost all its criminal implications.

Although no longer a crime, suicide remained the creature which the common law recognized, including the year and a day requirement. A stigma remained, particularly to those of certain faiths.

A verdict of suicide, however the language was softened, should not be recorded now that suicide was no longer criminal when it could not have been recorded when it was.

The rule that after passage of a year and a day death must be attributed to some other cause should be applied now as it would have then.

His Lordship had not found it easy to choose between those approaches and the previous history and the existing law gave no clear pointer.

The coroner's approach undoubtedly had its adherents evidenced by the omission from *Jouris on Coroners* of the passage quoted above once suicide ceased to be a crime.

On balance his Lordship preferred the applicant's approach. So long as the year and a day rule continued to apply to offences under section 4(1) of the Homicide Act 1957 and section 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961 it should continue to be regarded as applying to suicide itself.

While good social arguments could be advanced for abrogating the rule for purposes of those situations his Lordship could see very little social advantage in abrogating it for the purposes of a coroner's verdict.

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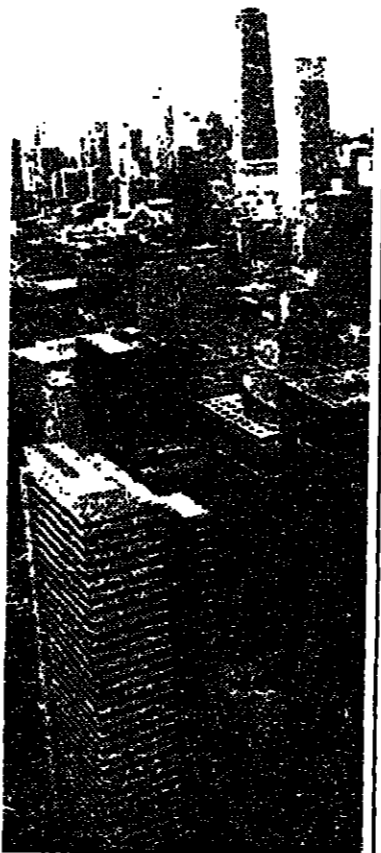
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FOOTBALL: WIMBLEDON NEED FEAR NO ONE AS THEIR MAIN SPIRIT AND INSPIRATION MAKES DRAMATIC RECOVERY FOR SEMI-FINAL

Prayers answered as Fashanu the folk-hero is healed

By Clive White

John Fashanu, the Wimbledon folk-hero, looks as though he will be fit to play a leading role in what should be the penultimate paragraph of the former Southern League club's fairy story.

This week the tale developed: thriller qualities when Wimbledon's main goalscorer limped off the field on Tuesday against Coventry City with a damaged left hamstring — four days before the most important match in the club's brief professional history.

Then it took on a weepy tone as Bobby Gould, the manager, pleaded: "I ask all spiritual healers to pray for us." His prayers were answered yesterday when Fashanu made a dramatic recovery and joined in the training. Not surprisingly, all the minor injuries suddenly disappeared, too, as selection time approached.

The loss of Fashanu would rob Wimbledon of much of the inspiration and spirit upon which they heavily depend. By his presence, even a half-fit one, Wimbledon should go into their FA Cup semi-final at White Hart Lane today fearing no one, least of all a side wracked with as much self-doubt as Luton Town.

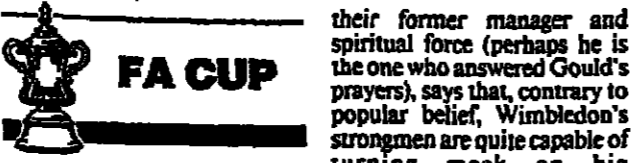
A romantic vision nearing reality

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Few realists would have suggested a month ago that Nottingham Forest and Wimbledon would meet in the FA Cup Final.

It is no longer. Within the last few weeks their respective opponents in this afternoon's semi-final are Hillsborough and White Hart Lane.

Liverpool's started to slip away at Goodison Park on March 20. Defeat had become a distant memory before they lost to Everton.



their former manager and spiritual force (perhaps he is the one who answered Gould's prayers), says that, contrary to popular belief, Wimbledon's strongmen are quite capable of turning meek on big occasions.

When Luton lost emphatically to Reading in the Simod Cup final last month it was a case of over-confidence rather than nerves. Self-doubt took over when Newcastle added a four-goal beating to those of Coventry and Reading.

They made him pay for his generosity if Liverpool had not collapsed so miserably in the closing half-hour against United's 10 men, they might still have been expected to win today. They may yet gain revenge over Forest but neither they nor the rest of the country are so sure that their mission will be successful.



Gray's day: the Nottingham Forest groundsman, Billy Gray (right), a member of Forest's 1959 FA Cup-winning side, lets the club manager, Brian Clough, have sight of the medal which his players could be playing for if they win their semi-final

Unfit pair may play at Chelsea

By Clive White

Chelsea, faced with the prospect of sliding into the first division play-off position, today may be forced to play Dixon and Durie because of their injuries.

Dixon looked set for a short rest when he damaged ankle ligaments last Saturday when Durie's comeback was also curtailed after 65 minutes because of a recurrence of knee trouble.

For Chelsea to slip that one place would be the jaws of defeat. It will be a bitter pill for them to swallow as well as their own defeat, a victory by Charlton Athletic, away to Coventry City.

Likewise, Oxford United are unchanged against Watford at Vicarage Road, but not through choice. Dreyer is still nursing an ankle injury.

Villa look to Gray to help stem a worrying decline

By Louise Taylor

Two of the game's most erudite managers will pit their wits against each other at Selhurst Park in this afternoon's crucial second division promotion encounter between Crystal Palace and Aston Villa, the stumbling leaders.

Villa have thrown the promotion race into confusion by surrendering an apparently unassailable position at the head of the table as a result of losing six of their last nine League matches.

Such goal-shy behaviour suggests a burgeoning lack of confidence, but Taylor remains optimistic of achieving a happy ending.

FA Cup semi-finals: Nottn F v Liverpool, Watford v Reading.

Second division leaders

Table with columns for Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, etc.

Crystal Palace today: Aston Villa (away), April 22; Plymouth (home), April 23; Swindon (away), April 24.

Believes "we might just catch them out with our counter-attacking game".

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England have it all to do

By Colin McQuillan

England have drawn the short straw in what will effectively be a two-horse race from today's semi-final in the just concluded world team championships at Edinburgh.

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Underdogs full of self-belief

By Paul Newman

Roy Merryweather, the manager of Wokingham Town, believes that a capacity all-ticket crowd of 3,100 at the Vauxhall Opel Road ground today can cheer his team to Wembley.

Smart, who joins Oxford United at the end of Wokingham's Trophy run, turns to the side he is missing the first leg because of flu.

Barrow, the underdogs in the other semi-final, face an even harder task away to Enfield after losing the first leg 2-1. However, Barrow have reached this stage despite away draws in all five previous rounds.

West Germany beat Norway and Canada defeated Sweden in the semi-finals of the Glasgow world women's championship in Glasgow yesterday.

A stolen single shot at the seventh end gave the Germans the advantage when the Norwegian skip missed twice.

That set up another stolen shot and the German side went decisively 4-2 ahead.

In the other semi-final Heather Houston, of Canada, always looked stronger than Anette Norberg of Sweden.

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Ferguson reveals why McGrath can leave

By Ian Ross

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was yesterday again called upon to publicly rebuke one of the club's highly regarded players.

Ferguson said of McGrath: "I understand that he says he is based at Manchester United — don't believe it. His problem is all about money yet he was happy to accept a new five-year contract not so long ago."

Portadown and Glenentran meet today in the semi-final of the Bass Irish Cup at Windsor Park today and as this is the only game in town a bumper crowd is expected.

Portadown won that particular contest 5-2 but lost the match 2-0. Today it is to be hoped that both teams concentrate on playing the exciting football of which they are capable.

The Glenentran captain, Jim Cleary, was on the bench at Portadown and doesn't expect to get the nod from Tommy Jackson, the manager. Jackson, however, may have other ideas.

The Portadown manager, Ronnie McDavid, will have a look at McFall, who missed Tuesday's match with a knee injury, before settling on his lineup.

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Opportunity to atone

By Ian Ross

Defeat today against a team, whose manager admits he's just playing for their own pride and that of their supporters, could leave Oxford with as little ambition as Watford.

Arsenal will have Smith playing again, at Southampton, despite his ankle injury.

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A blue returns

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SNOW REPORTS

Table with columns for Location, Depth (cm), Conditions, On/Paste, Resort, Weather (5pm), °C. Lists snow reports for various locations like France, Spain, etc.

Warman man of war and a hero

By John Hennessy

Last year's finalists in the Halford Hewitt tournament were out on the rack at Sandwich yesterday. Tombridge, the runners-up, emerged battered but unbowed, but the holders, Merchiston, were rescued by Harrow, winners on 10 previous occasions.

Merchiston's ball lay close by and Stewart Briggs's shot to 30 feet by no means disgraced him, but from behind and Donald Thomson, one of three pairs of brothers in the Scottish team, failed to get down in two parts and Alex Mann was spared the ordeal of what would have been a knee-knocker.

Warman and Mann, three down after 12, had played the remaining holes in one under par. Merchiston, meanwhile, were suffering. They were in rough and bunker to lose the 13th and saved the 14th only because Thomson was able to put up dead front and Donald Warman, in the words of his partner, had struck a "three-wood ripper, all of 250 yards" off the 14th fairway.

Harrow, then, were still one down playing the last, where Warman conforming to his name, unleashed another killer with his three-wood ("unbelievable" this time, according to Mann). Merchiston needed to get down in two from well off the green but Thomson chipped short.

Fonbridge's match thrust Ed Richardson, school leaver under year, to centre-stage. After Duncan King and Peter Sagers had brought in a big win, followed by Geoffrey Clay and Nick Kemp, anything hinged on the match. Richardson holed a difficult putt to go three up at the 13th but he missed the green with a three-wood at the 15th and the hole with a second putt at the 16th.

White Palace, and more particularly Villa, are no strangers to the first division. Millwall are well placed to join the elite for the first time.

Blackburn, who, like Villa, have been showing signs of extreme nervousness, expect to bring back Osvaldo Ardiles for a difficult-looking match at Swindon.

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# Woosnam sunk at Augusta by his own millstone

From Mitchell Platts  
Golf Correspondent  
Augusta, Georgia

Ian Woosnam's mission proved to be exactly that as he completed his Masters debut with a second round of course here yesterday.

The Welshman had tied a huge millstone around his neck with his disappointing first round of 81, and so with a 36-hole aggregate of 155, which is 11 over par, he sadly emptied his locker in the white colonial clubhouse. "I'm going home," he said. "I just need a rest from the game."

Four weeks in the United States have created nothing but frustration for the man who in 1987 ruled the world by winning eight tournaments and earning more than £1 million. He did finish 17th at Bay Hill, but since then he has failed to survive the halfway cut in three tournaments.

"I'm not going to even look at my clubs next week," he said. "In the four weeks I've been out here I haven't learnt a thing. It's done me no good whatsoever."

Meanwhile, the Americans, Larry Nelson and Robert Wrenn, each of whom scored 69 on Thursday, sought to

preserve their position as joint pace-makers ahead of a host of European players seeking to improve their positions. Sandy Lyle and Bernhard Langer had each scored 71 in the first round, Ken Brown and Severiano Ballesteros returned 73 and Nick Faldo had a 75. Even David Curry, the 1986 British amateur champion, had every chance of surviving the halfway cut following his first round of 74.

For Woosnam, however, it was possibly one of the most

Card of course table with columns for Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Total yardage: 6,905. Par: 72.

depressing weeks of his life. He had vowed to win the European Order of Merit in 1987 in order to obtain an invitation to Augusta, as he felt he should have given one last year.

But that first round 81 took all the steam out of him and yesterday, alongside Lee Trevino, he was simply playing for credibility. He followed an outward 38 with an encouraging inward half which included three birdies. There was a glimmer of hope that he could complete a miracle

recovery when he left himself with a six-foot putt for another birdie at the 17th. It missed, however, and at the last, as if to rub salt into his wounds, Woosnam was in two bunkers as he finished with a six.

"You need a few good breaks in this game when you're playing like I am but I haven't got one while I've been here," added Woosnam. "I didn't play too badly today, a few bad shots here and there, but I've still walked off with a 74."

Woosnam has been invited to come back to the United States for the Houston Open, but he could decide to miss that tournament.

It would be too harsh to state that Woosnam's decline began not in his office, which is the golf-course, but in the boardrooms of the international companies to whom he was suddenly marketable following his remarkable performances in 1987. Even so, he would not be the first sportsman, nor the last, to be a victim of the crazy merry-go-round which takes place when a player captures the public's imagination.

Woosnam has the constitution of an ox, but there is no reason, however, why he should be mentally stronger than any other player suddenly thrust into the limelight as he was last year.

Being away from home has not helped. Woosnam has missed his wife, Glen, who is expecting their second child, and perhaps her calming influence would have been an assistance to him in Augusta. There is a question mark, however, about his commitment to the American scene.

Yet he is respected by the players and recognized now by the American supporters. He must decide whether it is best for him to remain in Europe, where he feels more at home, and he must also make a decision while at home whether or not he was wise to switch to a new set of clubs. David Miller, page 40

## FIRST-ROUND SCORES

- US unless stated
68: L. Nelson, R. Wrenn.
71: M. Calzaghe, B. Langer (WG), A. Lyle (GB), D. Pooley.
72: B. Cranshaw, G. Koch, T. Watson.
73: S. Ballesteros (Sp), A. Bean, K. Brown (GB), G. Beck, D. Frost (SA), G. Halverson, F. K. L. D. Lova.
74: A. L. J. (Japan), C. Curry (GB), H. Green, G. Jones, M. McMillan (SA), T. Masching (Japan), A. North, M. O'Grady, M. O'Meara, B. Tway, L. Waddell.
75: P. Azinger, L. Clements, F. Couper, N. Faldo (GB), K. Hovind, J. Hovind, S. Payne, N. Price (SA), P. Simmer, D. Trewel.
76: T. C. Chen (Taiwan), R. Maltbie, C. Pavin, C. Siedler, C. Strangis, F. Zosell.
77: J. Cook, R. Davis (Aus), B. Eastwood, W. Loeffler, G. Norman (Aus), E. Rebrmann, J. Sigel.

- 78: S. Alexander, D. Barr (Can), G. Brewer, C. Coody, L. Mize, B. Montgomery, G. Payer (SA), D. Pank, S. Ransdorf, M. Reid.
79: S. Hoch, L. Mattiace, M. McCormack, S. Simpson, J. Sindelar, J. C. Sneed, B. Wadsworth, D. A. Wadsworth.
80: G. Archer, W. Casper, R. Floyd, D. Ford, W. Mayfair, A. Palmer, T. Simpson, J. Sluman, H. Sutton.
81: J. Hoss, P. Mayo (GB), L. Trevino, I. Wiersma (GB).
82: K. Overton.
83: T. Aaron, S. Ford, S. Gump.
84: J. Mudd.
85: A. Wall.
87: H. Lewis.
Withdrawn: J. Thorpe.
\* denotes amateur.

# Race on which punters will spend £30 million

## The rain comes to alter the odds

By Michael Seely and Andrew Longmore

The rain which started to lash down on Aintree yesterday afternoon is likely to have a dramatic effect on the fortunes of punters on the Seagram's Grand National.

Lean Ar Aghaidh, ante-post favourite for the world's most demanding steeplechase since chasing home Rhyme 'N' Reason on February 27, is likely to be replaced at the head of the market by West Tip, the 1986 winner.

"Richard Dunwoody is a public darling," said Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes. "West Tip has become the Red Rum of the eighties, and for the fourth year running we're dreading a West Tip victory." Last night Lean Ar Aghaidh, West Tip and Bucko were co-favourites at 10-1. Bucko, who has been backed down from 33-1 since finishing second at Cheltenham, is to be ridden by Mark Dwyer.

While Dunwoody acknowledged the rain would help - "but even West Tip doesn't want it too heavy," he said - Nicky Henderson, the trainer of last year's runner-up, The Tsarevich, was a dejected figure after winning the 4.50 with Rustle. "The weather always turns against my runners in the National at the last moment," he said. "The Tsarevich will have no chance. In fact it won't suit any of my runners. In fact we might as well go home."

The whole nation embarks on a gambling spree on National Day. Ladbrokes alone, expect to take £7 million out of an estimated £30 million, which is forecast to be wagered in the nation's 10,000 betting shops.

"In the past 10 days 32 of the final 40 horses have been backed from the favourite at 8-1 to Friendly Henry and Hettinger at 500-1. Our biggest loser at the moment would be Rhyme 'N' Reason," said Nick Stewart, of City Index, yesterday.

On the eve of the race, Lean Ar Aghaidh and Rhyme 'N' Reason remained the favoured horses among those who are supposed to know, the trainers and the jockeys. But the National has never re-



Favourite and friend: Lean Ar Aghaidh seen with his stable lad, Tony Dean, at Lambourn yesterday before setting off for Aintree (Photograph: David Hartley)

spected the tipster. "The form horse is Rhyme 'N' Reason," said Andy Turner, trainer of last year's winner Maori Venture. "He should win."

Hywel Davies, who rode Last Subject to victory in 1985, also rated Rhyme 'N' Reason the form horse. "He's got the toughness and the ability, but you have to respect Lean Ar Aghaidh as well and West Tip will be a lot fitter than last year."

Should West Tip repeat his triumph of two years ago, it would cap a remarkable season for Dunwoody, who last month won the Gold Cup on Charter Party with West Tip

sixth. He said: "This was his only objective this season and he has never been the better. The ground is ideal for him and we are very hopeful. I also fancy Hard Case among the Irish. I've seen him run twice and he's impressed me a lot."

Jimmy Fitzgerald, the trainer of Bucko, said: "Repinning must have a good chance on his best form and it would be nice to see him win for Neville Crump."

Simon Sherwood, currently leading the Aintree jockeys table after his first day double, has a fancied mount on Border Burg, but would not be surprised if brother Oliver won with Sacred Path. "I

wouldn't mind being on him at all, but I couldn't do the weight," said Sherwood. "I think he has a good chance and Bucko and Durham Edition also look the right sorts."

If Gee Armytage's mount Gee-A looks set to be the housewife's choice there will be a collective fingers crossed for Penny Fitch-Heyes on Hettinger. And not just for her own safety. The horse has failed to complete on five occasions already this season and yesterday City Index offered £100 towards Ian Botham's Leukaemia Research Fund walk for every fence jumped.

No sportsman will talk to you about nervousness, let alone physical fear. This is not entirely a pose: a sportsman who has made any sort of mark will be kept aloft by his constant belief that good things are possible. "The first time I rode in public, I was nervous - but not so much nervous, as tremendously excited, really wanting to do well. I'm not at all nervous for Saturday - but I am very, very excited."

"Because it's always been my dream just to ride in the National, just to have a horse to ride in the race. But I've got a horse that has a real chance." What he means, though he would not dream of saying so, it would be quite dreadfully unlucky, is that the horse could win, and that such a thought is so wonderful as to be almost unbearable.

Cox has had a small taste of glory. If he has not sipped the champagne of champions, he has at least tasted Asti Spumante. He once rode 33 winners in a season as a hot apprentice. Last year he had 20 winners. Now, as a grown-up jockey, winners are harder to find. In racing you have to climb your mountain twice. Cox is in that awkward, in-between stage. He has a lot riding on Sacred Path.

Cox rides as second jockey to Oliver Sherwood, and has the ride on Sacred Path because of his great affinity with the horse. It was his first ride for Sherwood, and it won. "He's very much a favourite, a horse, not like any horse in the yard. And I think Aintree will suit him: he's such a very accurate jumper."

"Fences feel small with him. And he'll get every inch of the trip. He likes to be up there, so I will try to jump him out smartly and keep him up with the pace. He's got a wonderful temperament - the horse is a Christian."

This morning will crawl by for Cox. He will ride the Christian Sacred Path for an exercise center at about 7.30, and then he will walk the course. Then breakfast. Then "get ready". All a jockey has to do to get ready is to put his bright colours on. The rest of the time is free for worrying. And for trying to suppress that sneaking treacherous thought: "I could win this, you know. I really could."

He has no doubts about the horse's ability, and is doing his best to suppress all doubts about his own. He prays for "luck in the running", a passage clear of loose horses.

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## In hot water

Rome (AP) - Officials of the Italian Track and Field Federation (FIDAL) met yesterday for preliminary talks about possible sanctions against six of its members involved in a scandal at the 1987 world championships here. Disciplinary action against the Italian officials, who falsified a long jump result to ensure Giovanni Evangelisti, of Italy, a bronze medal, will be decided on this weekend by FIDAL's Federal Council.

## High stakes

Atlantic City (Reuter) - The world heavyweight title bout between champion Mike Tyson and the former champion, Michael Spinks, scheduled for June 27, has already set boxing history's record for ticket sales. A Trump Plaza vice-president, Mark Etesa, said that as of Tuesday, the Atlantic City hotel had taken in more than \$7.2 million in ticket sales.

## New officer

Warrington Borough Council have appointed Kevin Tamati, the Warrington and New Zealand prop, as Amateur Rugby League development officer.

## Italian contest

Cegama (Reuter) - Pedro Delgado, of Spain, the runner-up in the Tour de France cycling classic last year, said yesterday he had decided as a prelude to this year's race to contest the Tour of Italy rather than the Spanish tour.

## Lacrosse date

The England women's lacrosse team, captained by Lois Richardson, plays the United States in the first of three representative matches at Baltimore today.

# Forest reject Pisa's offer

By Clive White

Maurice Roworth, the Nottingham Forest chairman, yesterday dismissed speculation that Nigel Clough would join Pisa, the Italian club, with the comment that "they couldn't afford him even if they threw in the Leaning Tower".

On the eve of the club's FA Cup semi-final against Liverpool at Hillsborough, it would have been the furthest thing from the mind of any chairman to rock the boat. But apart from their own appreciation of the qualities of Clough jr, the Forest board is only too aware that Brian Clough, the manager, is reluctant to see his son leave for the Continent.

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## FA CUP

Forest are keen on keeping the pair of them "for as long as possible", Roworth remarked yesterday. He said that he had already instigated talks with Brian Clough on the question of his contract, which expires this summer. Roworth said: "There are no problems financially and I am confident it is only a case of dotting the Is and crossing the Ts. I would like to think Brian will sign for us for at least another two years."

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ing, but he does have the important matter of an FA Cup semi-final on his hands. However, I expect we will sort everything out next week."

The club are keen also to put an end to speculation that Clough will take on the part-time position of Wales manager, speculation that is the result of comments by Clough himself on television recently. "He has always maintained Forest will be his last club, I am sure he wants to be around to see this highly talented young side mature."

"Brian has worked hard to get our players on long term deals, and I will be delighted when he agrees to one himself. We have something special going for us at this club which is why we want to keep everyone together."

Since Clough joined the club as manager in January, 1985, Forest have won the league championship, the League Cup, the European Cup (twice) and the Super Cup and been runners-up in all competitions, including the world club championship, except the European Cup. But they have never won the FA Cup.

## Semi-final lacking the appeal

By a Special Correspondent

Despite some brisk business in the last two days, the crowd for today's FA Cup semi-final between Luton Town and Wimbledon at White Hart Lane will be comfortably the lowest since the war.

Chris Bell, the Tottenham Hotspur box-office manager, said last night that the latest figures showed only around 25,000 tickets had been sold. The previous lowest figure for a post-war semi-final, excluding replays, was 43,858 at the Plymouth Argyle v Watford tie at Villa Park in 1984.

Tottenham, whose stadium has a 48,200 capacity, had sold their entire allocation of just under 2,000 main stand tickets by yesterday afternoon. By that stage, Wimbledon had sold around 12,700 tickets and Luton 10,300. Bell said Wimbledon's box-office will be open for three hours this morning. No one will be allowed into White Hart Lane without a ticket.

There have been no such problems in today's other semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough. A crowd of 52,000 is expected but both clubs will suffer from the low turnout at White Hart Lane, as the four semi-finalists share 65 per cent of total receipts from both games.

# No Welsh players for S Africa

By David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent

The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), whose members voted four years ago to maintain sporting links with South Africa, announced yesterday that it would not accept any invitation by the South African Rugby Board (SARB) for Welsh players to join an international party scheduled to play seven matches in the republic in August.

The WRU said it was "strongly opposed to any Welsh players participating in these matches", organized to celebrate jubilees in Northern Transvaal and Eastern Province and including two internationals. "The SARB has been informed that their request to issue invitations cannot be granted," its statement added.

Ray Williams, the WRU secretary, said his committee was almost unanimous: "The issue is now quite straightforward," he said. "No Welsh players will be allowed to play rugby in South Africa."

The decision was welcomed by Myrddin John, secretary of the Commonwealth Games Council, Cardiff, as bidding for the 1994 games and John said: "We now stand an excellent chance of getting the votes of the African countries," which will be crucial when the Wales are also due to tour South Africa in 1990 but if consideration of the Commonwealth Games has played a part, that tour is unlikely.

The Irish anti-apartheid movement have threatened to boycott the Dublin Millennium game on April 23 between Ireland and England if the Irish Rugby Football Union does not bar players from touring South Africa. Ireland will call an executive committee meeting discuss it.

England, whose executive committee met yesterday, lifted a ban on playing contact with South Africa last month immediately before the International Board did the same, but the Rugby Football Union is opposed to a tour of South Africa. Scotland, who were scheduled to tour South Africa this year before the withdrawal of the invitation last November, will discuss invitations at their committee on April 29.

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# Davies denies codes switch

By Louise Taylor

While the Welsh international Rugby Union stand-off half, Jonathan Davies, was denying rumours that he is poised to snub his country's tour of New Zealand this summer in order to turn professional, Alex Murphy, the coach of St Helens Rugby League club, last night insisted that the Llanelli player had promised him first refusal if he decides to leave Rugby Union.

"Jonathan has told me he would give us first option on signing him," Murphy said. However, while Murphy

stressed that he is in no way pressurising Davies into forsaking his international career, he has pointed out that going to New Zealand will use up a year in the prime of his career.

"If Jonathan joined us now we would be talking about a salary in excess of £100,000. When he returns from New Zealand Rugby League clubs might not be too keen to pay over £100,000 for a 27-year-old," he added.

Meanwhile Davies who is

playing in Bermuda said: "It's news to me and a total pack of lies. I have not spoken to anyone about my plans for the future."

"There is no question that I will be part of the team that goes on the New Zealand tour but my main aim is to get picked for the British Lions tour of Australia in 1989."

However, he is not ruling out the possibility of a future switch to Rugby League and said: "I had no idea how much Rugby League players were earning."

# Cahill makes Noah battle

From Richard Evans, Clermont-Ferrand

A very mature Davis Cup debut by Darren Cahill could not prevent France from taking a 1-0 lead over Australia in the quarter-final here when Yannick Noah recovered from a nervous start to beat the South Australian, aged 22, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Looking totally at ease on the specially laid indoor clay court that was fast enough to allow serve and volley tennis, Cahill broke Noah in the opening game of the match and continued to surprise the

Frenchman throughout the first set.

Certainly Noah looked the more nervous of the two, admitting: "I have not played a Davis Cup tie in France for many years and at the start my legs were heavy with tension."

At 4-4 in the second set, the issue was still very much in doubt but Noah turned on the heat and started attacking Cahill's serve with greater determination and freedom. A fine forehand pass down the line that left no room for error

gave Noah the vital break and after he had served out for the set, the match changed.

Nevertheless, Cahill, who learned a thing or two about the tensions of team competition while playing for Croydon Direct Liners in the Mortgage Corporation League this year, had justified Neale Fraser's faith in picking him.

● In the other quarter-finals, West Germany took a 2-0 lead over Denmark in Frankfurt, and Sweden took a 1-0 lead over Czechoslovakia in Norrkoping.

## Fetisov for America

Moscow (Reuter) - Vyacheslav Fetisov, the Soviet ice hockey player, has signed a \$500,000 (about £270,000) contract to play for New Jersey in the National Hockey League in North America.

Vyacheslav Kolesov, head of the Sports Committee's football and ice hockey board, also said that an international footballer, Vagiz Khidiyatullin, would be joining an unnamed French club.

## Richards back

Kingston (Reuter) - Viv Richards, the West Indies cricket captain, returns to the team for the second Test against Pakistan starting in Port of Spain on April 14, the West Indies Cricket Board of Control said yesterday.

SQUAD: V. Richards (capt), G. Greenidge, D. Harries, P. Simmons, G. Logie, R. Richardson, C. Hooper, J. Doolin, R. Marshall, C. Walsh, P. Patterson, C. Anderson, W. Benjamin, T. Gray.

## Neutral game

East Berlin (Reuter) - East German football officials have ordered the second division club, Lokomotive Stendal, to play its next home fixture at a neutral ground after its last home game was abandoned because of crowd trouble.

## New officer

Warrington Borough Council have appointed Kevin Tamati, the Warrington and New Zealand prop, as Amateur Rugby League development officer.

## Italian contest

Cegama (Reuter) - Pedro Delgado, of Spain, the runner-up in the Tour de France cycling classic last year, said yesterday he had decided as a prelude to this year's race to contest the Tour of Italy rather than the Spanish tour.

## Lacrosse date

The England women's lacrosse team, captained by Lois Richardson, plays the United States in the first of three representative matches at Baltimore today.

Advertisement for Shell featuring a cartoon character and the text: "Oh well, YOU CAN BE SURE OF SHELL".

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